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HELD AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, NOVEMBER, 1824

BISHOP R. R. ROBERTS, PRESIDENT.

REV. JOHN TEVIS, SECRETARY.

52D SESSION,

HELD AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, OCTOBER, 1875.

BISHOP H. N. M'TYEIRE, PRESIDENT,

REV. F. RICHARDSON, SECRETARY.

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INTRODUCTION.

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It is with no small amount of gratification that I send forth this number of the "Annual." Last year was properly our Semi-Centennial year; but the meeting of the Fifty-Second Session in the city of Knoxville, where the Conference was organized in 1824, makes it proper to publish the proceedings of the First Session this year.

The roll of members, in the order of their connection with the Conference, will prove interesting to thousands who have enjoyed the labors of those whose names are recorded here.

There may be names left out, but none are left out intentionally. I will be glad to receive any corrections that may appear necessary, as it is intended at some time to publish, in one volume, the annals of the Holston Conference.

The readers of the "Annual" are requested to compare carefully the Minutes of the two sessions here placed side by side.

J. R. PAYNE,
Assistant Secretary, 1875.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE IN 1824.

MINUTES OF FIRST SESSION OF THE HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

MORNING SESSION.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., NOV. 27, 1824.

The Conference was opened by Bishop Roberts, with reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT—John Tevis, David Adams, Lewis S. Marshall, John Craig, David Cumming, Wm. S. Manson, John Kelley, John Bowman, Jesse Cunningham, George Ekin.

John Tevis was chosen Secretary.

The hours of 9 o'clock, A. M., and half-past 2, P. M., were fixed for commencing each session, and the hours of 1 and 5 for adjournment.

The hours of 11 A. M., 3 P. M., and at night, for preaching during Conference; and David Adams, John Haynie and George Atkin were selected as a Committee to appoint the preachers.

Wm. S. Manson, Wm. P. Kindrick and David Adams were appointed Stewards.

The sum of Fifty Dollars was received from brother Thos. Rockhold, of Blountville, as a donation, made at the request of his wife, who died the 7th day of September, 1824, for the benefit of the Holston Conference. For which the Conference vote their thanks to brother Rockhold and direct the Secretary to signify the same to him.

A letter from the Book Agents to the Bishops was read to the Conference, giving information of the amount to be drawn from the Book Concern and Charter Fund.

A draft was made upon the Book Concern for $150 and upon the Charter Fund for $80.

Jesse Cunningham, William P. Kindrick, David Adams and John Craig, were appointed a committee to examine the graduates.

The following rules were read and adopted for conducting the business of the Holston Annual Conference:

1. The President having taken the chair, he shall cause a portion of the sacred Scripture to be read, a hymn sung and prayer offered; after which the journal of the preceding day shall be read and corrected.
2. The President shall bring forward the business of Conference agreeably to the order prescribed in our Discipline.
3. Whenever a motion is made and seconded, it shall be open for discussion and disposed of before another is made.
4. Any member wishing to speak, shall arise and address the President, and should two or more members arise at the same time the President shall determine which shall speak first.
5. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on any one subject, unless by permission of the Conference, and not more than fifteen minutes at once.
6. Any member wandering from the subject, or casting personal reflections, shall be called to order by the President.
7. No member shall absent himself from the Conference room more than fifteen minutes at any one time without permission.
8. No person shall be present when the Conference is sitting but by permission of the Conference.
9. No member shall prefer a charge against another without having given him previous notice.
10. All the members of the Conference shall give their votes unless excused for special reasons.

The Conference votes that all the preachers present, local and traveling, be permitted to sit in the Conference room as spectators.

The characters of Elbert F. Sevier, Isaac Easterly and Creed Fulton, were examined and they were continued on trial.

Felix Parker was discontinued.

The characters of James Cumming and John Bradfield were approved, and they were elected to Elder's orders.

The characters of Jacob Hearn, James G. H. Speer, John Kelley, David Cumming, Thos. J. Brown, Abraham Overall and William Patton, Deacons, were examined and approved.

The characters of John Tevis, David Adams, Lewis S. Marshall, Thos. Stringfield, Wm. S. Manson, Josiah Daughty and John Bowman, Elders, were approved.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference proceeded to examine those who were recommended for admission into the traveling connection.

William Senter, David Fleming, John Henly, Branch Merrimon, Robert J. Wilson and Lewis Jones, were admitted.

George Atkins, a local preacher, who was duly recommended for Elder's orders, was elected.

Benj. Abernathy, George Real, Wm. Goodman, George White, Lewis Jones, and Wm. P. Quinn, local preachers, were elected to the office of Deacon. John Russom, who was recommended, was not elected.

The character of John Craig, an Elder, was taken up, and while under examination, the Conference adjourned.

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MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The examination of the character of brother Craig resumed. It was moved and seconded that brother Craig be reproved by the President, which carried, and his character passed.

The Stewards reported to Conference the amount of the public collection taken up yesterday, which was $19.48\frac{3}{4}$.

It was moved and seconded that if there be any surplus in the hands of the delegates of the last General Conference who went from East Tennessee, that it be put into the hands of the Stewards of this Conference, to be appropriated by them.

The character of Jesse Cunningham was examined and approved.

Lewis S. Marshall asked for a location, which was granted.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The character of Geo. Ekin was examined and approved.

Jonesborough was appointed as the place for the next session of the Conference, to commence on the 20th day of October next, 1825.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Paxton Cumming and Goodson McDaniel were admitted on trial.

George Horn was readmitted into the traveling connection.

The following graduates were examined and admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders: Isaac Lewis, Josiah R. Smith, William Cumming, James Y. Crawford, Josiah Rhoton, Francis Owen and Edward T. Peery.

James D. Harris not being present, was continued on trial.

The Conference adjourned until half-past 6 o'clock in the evening.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The members in Society were called for, which are as follows:

HOLSTON DISTRICT.

Circuits	Whites.	Blacks.
Lee	716	15
Clinch	631	67
Tazewell	521	61
New River	492	59
Giles	605	58
Ashe	250	15
Abingdon	983	158
Holston	1,700	222
Carter Valley	996	164
Hawkins	271	8
Total	7,165	827
	6,279	666
Total	13,444	1,491

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Whites.	Blacks.
Tennessee Valley	538	103
Sequatchee	435	21
Hiwassee	455	17
Tellico	580	32
Little River	1,014	134
Knox	873	100
Powell's Valley	434	27
Greene	1,050	130
Newport	900	100
Total	6,279	666.

The Stewards made their report to Conference, was which adopted.

It was moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to unite with the President to determine the amount necessary to support the missionary or missionaries that may be appointed to the upper Cherokee mission, at Mr. Coodies. Wm. S. Manson, Jesse Cunningham and David Adams, are appointed a committee for that purpose.

The Conference recommended to the Episcopacy, Francis A. Owen as a proper person to be sent to the Cherokee mission, if it be found necessary to appoint one for that purpose from this Conference.

Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning, sunrise.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—SUNRISE.

Conference met according to adjournment.

The character of Abraham Still, Elder, examined and approved.

The character of Robert Kirkpatrick was examined and he continued on trial.

It was moved and seconded that the Conference express their thanks to Mr. Hugh M. A. White, through brother Cunningham, for the use of the house with which he favored us for the session of our Conference.

The Conference vote their thanks to the citizens of Knoxville for their hospitality and attention during the session of our Conference, and request that brother Atkins insert the same in his paper.

The Conference vote their thanks to the Bishop and Secretary for their strict attention to the duties assigned them.

John Tevis transferred to the Kentucky Conference.

R. R. ROBERTS, President.

JOHN TEVIS, Secretary.

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL ROLL.

Members of the Holston Annual Conference from the Organization in 1824 to 1874.

MEMBERS AT THE ORGANIZATION.

Elders.

John Tevis, David Adams, John Craig,
Josiah B. Daughty, Thomas Stringfield, John Bowman,
William S. Manson, James Cumming, Jesse Cunningham,
George Ekin, James Dickson, Lewis S. Marshall,
William P. Kindrick.

Deacons.

Samuel B. Harwell, Abraham Still, John Kelly,
William Patton, George Horn, John Bradfield,
Abraham Overall, Jacob Hearn, David B. Cumming,
Thomas I. Brown, James G. H. Speer.

MEMBER'S NAMES.

Received 1824.

Josiah Rhoton, Isaac Lewis, Josiah R. Smith,
William Cumming, James Y. Crawford, Francis A. Owen,
Edward T. Peery.

Received 1825.

Thomas Rice, Samuel Patton, John Henniger,
James D. Harris, Robert Kirkpatrick, Elbert F. Sevier,
Creed Fulton, Isaac Easterly.

Received 1826.

David Fleming, Branch H. Merrimon, Goodson McDaniel,
John S. Henly, William T. Senter, Paxton Cumming,
Moses E. Kerr, Lewis Jones.

Received 1827.

William Ketron, Christian Easterly, Uriah Keener,
Jacob McDaniel, Joseph W. Paddleford, Thomas K. Catlett,
John Trotter, Hugh Johnson, Henry Williams,
James Witten, Thomas Wilkinson, Edmund Pearson.

Received 1828.

William G. Brownlow, Abraham Murphy, John J. Burrum,
Henry Powell, Jacob L. Straley, Russell Birdwell.
Oscar F. Johnson.

Received 1829.

John Barringer, Albion C. Taylor, Oliver C. Miller,
Daniel B. Carter. Joseph Haskew, John Grant,
Robertson Gannaway, Joseph R. Sensibaugh, Stephen W. Earnest,
Edmund P. Childress.

Received 1830.

William B. Wright, Elijah Perkins, William Ekin,
Ashley Wynn, Asbury Brooks.

Received 1831.

Arnold Patton, Jacob Nutty, Rufus M. Stevens,
Anthony Bewley, Archibald Woodfin, David R. McAnnally,
William Bowers, Hervey Cumming, Moses F. Rainwater.

Received 1832.

John Pryor, William Gilmore.

Received 1833.

Elijah Still, Hiram Ingram.

Received 1834.

Russell B. Rogers, Madison C. Hawk, Charles K. Lewis,
Ira Falls, Defoe F. Fulton, William H. Rogers,
A. N. Ross.

Received 1835.

Wiley B. Winton, Timothy Sullins, B. McC. Roberts,
William Burgess, Johnston Fields.

Received 1836.

Oscar F. Cunningham, William Hicks, William C. Graves.
C. Stump, H W. Balch, Raffail W. Patty,
J. L. Sensabaugh.

Received 1837.

George W. Baker, W. Bruce, E. K. Hutsell,
John Gaston, W. M. Rush, A. B. Broyles,
John S. Weaver, A. Campbell.

Received 1838.

Gabriel F. Page, Samuel A. Miller, L. Williams,
Alexander N. Harris, George W. Alexander, Coleman Campbell.

Received 1839.

M. Martin, T. K. Harmon, Francis M. Fanning,
John M. Crismond, William L. Turner, Hiram Tartar,
Canara D. Smith, Russell Renean.

Received 1840.

Jesse Childers, W. H. Hickey, Jesse C. Derrick,
Benjamin F. Wells, Charles Collins, Thomas Witten.

Received 1841.

John D. Gibson, James Atkins, D. White,
R. G. Ketron, A. M. Goodykountz, Allen H. Mathes.

Received 1842.

Thomas K. Munsey, A. C. Mitchell, A. Haren.

Received 1843.

Ephraim E. Wiley

Received 1844.

N. W. Howard, Jackson S. Burnett, M. Southard.

Received 1845.

Charles W. Charlton, William C. Daily, James R. Belamy,
A. Williams, A. Gass, W. G. E. Cunnyngham.
S. H. Cooper, J. C. Pendergrast.

Received 1846.

A. F. Cox, Jesse G. Swisher, William Robeson,
M. C. Robinson. William R. Long, John W. Thompson,
A. F. Shannon, Stephen D. Adams, James S. Edwards,
Willis Ingle, William Sturges, Aaron Shell.

Received 1847.

George K. Snapp, W. D. Snapp, Rufus M. Hickey,
John Alley, Carroll Long, Andrew C. Hunter,
E. W. Chanceaulme, William Milburn, J. B. Lawson,
Rufus M. Whaley, Robert W. Pickens, J. W. Miller,
Crockett Godby,

Received 1848.

J. N. S. Huffaker, James A. Reagan, W. F. Dowell,
William M. Kerr, William W. Neal, William H. Bates,
Larkin W. Crouch, R. D. Wells.

Received 1849.

John H. Brunner, John M. McTeer, James T. Smith,
R. A. Claughton, George W. Renfro, E. E. Gillenwaters,
W. Jones.

Received 1850.

William H. Kelly, Ambrose G. Worley.

Received 1851.

Wiley F. Parker, J. M. Varnell, E. W. King,
W. J. Witcher, W. C. Edmondson, Riley A. Giddens,
John C. Hyden.

Received 1852.

John D. Baldwin, D. P. Hunt, Richard N. Price,
David Sullins, Edwin C. Wexler.

Received 1853.

John Boring, Washington Boring, R. H. Guthrie,
James R. Long, C. Mitchell, Sewell Philips.

Received 1854.

O. B. Callahan, Wm. Ballenger, John W. Belt,
H. West, R. K. Coln, J. H. Green,
J. B. Little, J. R. Burchfield, J. D. F. Jennings,
James W. Dickey, Benjamin F. White.

Received 1855.

Grinsfield Taylor, Patrick H. Reed, Thomas M. Dula,
Mitchell P. Swaim, William K. Foster, J. W. Williamson,
W. W. Smith,

Received 1856.

J. P. Gibson, Frank Richardson, Thomas J. Pope,
Elijah Conner, John T. Stansberry.

Received 1857.

A. E. Woodward, George W. Miles, Jesse A. Hyden,
R. K. Scruggs, William H. Howell, Gaston M. Massey,
A. F. English, George W. Penley, Henry P. Waugh,
George Creamer, John G. Spears, W. H. H. Duggan,
George Stewart, John W. Bird, James A. Davis.

Received 1858.

B. W. S. Bishop, Josiah H. Torbitt, Andrew J. Greer,
Lawrence M. Renfro, Landon C. Delashmit, John R. Stridley,
William E. Munsey, Moses H. Spencer, Anson W. Cummings.

Received 1859.

Thomas F. Glenn, George W. Callahan, John W. Mann,
William H. Cooper, William Kinsland, William P. Queen,
John F. Woodfin, Samuel D. Gaines.

Received 1860.

John D. Wagg, James K. Stringfield, Wm. H Moody,
Absalom D. Stuart, Wm. C. Bowman, George M. Profitt,
Erastus Rowley, Moses Seaton, John W. Bowman.

Received 1861.

George W. K. Green, Milton Maupin, Samuel S. Grant,
William P. Doane, Stephen S. Sweet, James Mahoney,
James T. Freeman, G. B. Wells, Thomas H. Russell,

Received 1862.

Charles K. Miller, Andrew J. Frazier, W. H. Eblin.
J. R. Ballew, Francis A. Farley, Fleming D. Crumley,
Jonathan L. Mann, Enoch W. Moore. R. G. Blackburn,
Hamilton B. Swisher.

Received 1863.

Samuel R. Wheeler, Benjamin F. Nuckolls, Levi K. Haynes,
Jacob R. Payne, Jacob Smith, William A. Harris.
Walter H. Stevens, John N. Somers, W. Gaines Miller.

Received 1864.

John L. M. French, Henry C. Neal, Tobias F. Smith.

Received 1865.

Jacob Brillhart, George W. Martin, Joshua S. Brooks.

Received 1866.

Joseph A. Wiggins.

Received 1867.

Jacob T. Frazier, Charles T. Carroll.

Received 1868.

John S. W. Neel, Wm. W. Pyott, James M. Massey,
Sterling V. Bates, Wm. H. Weaver, George T. Gray.

Received 1869.

Kennerly C. Atkins, Tyre T. Salyer, Daniel H. Carr,
Robert H. Parker, Milton L. Clendenen, A. Quinn Harmon,
Stephen I. Harrison, William W. Bays, W. H. Barnes,
Alexander Doniphan.

Received. 1870.

Daniel H. Atkins, Wm. D. Mitchell, L. L. H. Carlock,
David R. Smith, E. E. Hoss.

Received 1871.

Thomas R. Handy, Joseph L. McGhee, Timothy P. Darr,
George D. French, E. W. Marsh, James K. P. Ball,
N. W. Vaughn, B. O. Davis.

Received 1872.

Robert E. Smith, William C. Carden, Wiley J. Phillips,

Received 1873.

David W. Carter, John P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle,
Wm. R. Barnett, John H. Parrott, Archibald T. Brooks,
Return J. Only, John H. Keith, George W. Simpson,
George A. Frazier, John C. Runyan, S. Alexander,
J. H. Robinson, J. M. Marshall.

Received 1874.

Leander W. Thompson, John M. Wolfe, William H. Price,
John H. Kennedy, John W. Smith, B. K. Wilburn,
E. S. Shelley, Joseph B. Davis, E. H. Bogle,
W. H. Dawn, James Atkins, Jr., John R. Hickson,
S. T. M. McPherson, J. A. Bilderback, Charles B. Fugate,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE, HELD AT KNOXVILLE, OCTOBER 20–26, 1875.

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FIRST DAY—Wednesday, October 20, 1875.

The Fifty-Second Session of the Holston Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, was held at Knoxville, Tennessee, beginning October 20, 1875.

Conference met at Church Street Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop H. N. McTyeire in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by the Bishop and J. W. Dickey.

The Secretary of the last session of the Conference called the roll of clerical members, and the following brethren were found to be present:

James Atkins, Sr., K. C. Atkins, D. H. Atkins, J. K. P. Ball, W. H. Barnes, W. H. Bates, S. V. Bates, H. W. Bays, W. R. Barnett, J. W. Bird, B. W. S. Bishop, J. A. Bilderback, E. H. Bogle, John Boring, J. W. Bowman, A. T. Brooks, J. H. Brunner, J. S. Burnett, G. W. Callahan, W. C. Carden, D. H. Carr, C. T. Carroll, L. L. H. Carlock, D. B. Carter, D. W. Carter, M. L. Clendenin, W. H. Cooper, W. G. E. Cunnyngham, B. O. Davis, T. P. Darr, W. H. Dawne, J. W. Dickey, J. P. Dickey, A. J. Frazier, G. A. Frazier, J. L. M. French, G. D. French, S. D. Gaines, T. R. Handy, Joseph Haskew, Wm. Hicks, J. N. S. Huffaker, W. M. Kerr, J. S. Kennedy, J. H. Kennedy, J. H. Keith, Carroll Long, J. R. Long, J. M. McTeer, S. T. McPherson, G. W. Miles, E. W. Moore, W. D. Mountcastle, H. C. Neal, J. S. W. Neel, R. H. Parker, J. R. Payne, R. W. Pickens, W. J. Phillips, T. J. Pope, R. N. Price, W. H. Price, W. W. Pyott, R. J. Only, F. Richardson, Wm. Robeson, T. T. Salyer, E. S. Shelley, G. W. Simpson, Jacob Smith, D. R. Smith, R. E. Smith, T. F. Smith, J. W. Smith, George Stewart, P. S. Sutton, G. Taylor, J. H. Torbett, L. W. Thompson, H. P. Waugh, C. E. Wiggins, E. E. Wiley, S. R. Wheeler, B. R. Wilburn and J. M. Wolfe.

The roll of lay delegates was then made out as follows:

Wytheville District—Rev. F. Alexander, D. C. Miller, A. Umbarger, C. J. Noel.

Jeffersonville District—J. P. Kelly, H. S. Bowen, Rev. P. J. Lockhart, A. Mahood.

Abingdon District—R. W. Jones, J. L. Buchanan, W. B. Aston, M. M. Butler.

Jonesboro District—Rev. W. B. Gale, F. W. Earnest, H. M. Folsom, A. W. Lotspeich.

Morristown District—Rev. T. P. Summers, H. C. T. Richmond, C. C. Thompson, Dr. R. W. Jones.

Knoxville District—J. W. Gaut, J. M. Carter, W. W. Lawrence, P. S. Moody.

Athens District—J. K. Brown, D. A. Browder, J. W. Duncan, Rev. U. Payne.

Chattanooga District—Rev. M. D. Thompson, J. P. McMillan, J. C. Wood, A. C. S. Igoe.

Pikeville District—S. C. Norwood, W. B. Mitchell, E. C. Montgomery, Wm. Haskew.

Asheville District—R. B. Vance, Rev. C. M. Greer, J. K. Irby, James Webb.

Franklin District—W. W. Stringfield, J. R. Gray, Rev. C. D. Smith, J. W. Conley.

Rev. J. A. Reagan, alternate, took the place of C. M. Greer, of the Asheville District, who was absent.

The roll of lay delegates thus made out was called, and the following found to be present, viz:

Rev. F Alexander, D. C. Miller, A. Umbarger, C. J. Noel, M. M. Butler, F. W. Earnest, H. C. T. Richmond, P. C. Thompson, J. W. Gaut, J. W. Duncan, Rev. U. Payne, Rev. M. D. Thompson, Wm. Haskew, Rev. J. A. Reagan and Jas. Webb.

F. Richardson was elected Secretary and J. R. Payne, D. W. Carter and F. W. Earnest, Assistant Secretaries.

On motion of E. E. Wiley, the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the session.

T. J. Pope was excused from serving on this committee, on account of ill health, and J. W. Bowman appointed in his place.

On motion of F. W. Earnest, a bar was fixed, and the members requested to sit within it.

On motion, the representatives of the press were invited to a seat within the bar.

A communication was received from A. H. Redford, Book

Agent, read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Two communications from J. B. McFerrin and D. C. Kelley, Missionary Secretaries, were read and referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

T. J. Pope was granted leave of absence at will during the session, in consequence of ill health.

There having been no lay members of the Joint Board of Finance appointed at the last session of the Conference, on motion of G. W. Miles, the following laymen were appointed on said Board:

Wytheville District—Rev. F. Alexander.
Jeffersonville District—Dr. R. W. Witten.
Abingdon District—M. M. Butler.
Jonesboro District—G. L. Clay.
Knoxville District—J. M. Carter.
Athens District—Rev. U. Payne.
Chattanooga District—M. D. Thompson.
Pikeville District—Wm. Haskew.
Asheville District—J. Webb.
Franklin District—J. W. Conley.

The Committee to nominate Standing Committees reported, which report was adopted as follows:

Committee on Public Worship—C. Long, W. G. E. Cunnyngham, J. L. M. French, W. H. Bates, W. C. Carden.

On Education—J. S. Burnett, D. C. Miller, J. S. Kennedy, R. H. Parker, W. W. Bays.

On Sunday Schools—R. W. Jones, G. D. French, L. L. H. Carlock.

On Books and Periodicals—B. W. S. Bishop, L. K. Haynes, J. L. Buchanan, P. S. Sutton, S. Philips.

On Memoirs—Wm. Hicks, John Boring, A. J. Frazier.

On Temperance—Wm. H. Price, J. W. Duncan, H. M. Folsom.

On Church Property—E. E. Wiley, A. Umbarger, P. J. Lockhart, F. W. Earnest, W. H. Cooper, J. W. Gaut, J. H. Parrott, R. J. Only, J. A. Reagan, D. H. Atkins.

On Bible Cause—G. W. Callahan, T. T. Salyer, K. C. Atkins.

On motion, the Conference agreed to meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.

On motion of E. E. Wiley, which motion was adopted, the Bishop was authorized to appoint a Committee of three on Introductions.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

OCTOBER 20.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, 7 P. M., F. Richardson—Conference Sermon.

BROAD STREET, 7 P. M., J. H. Keith.

FIRST BAPTIST, 7 P. M., C. T. Carroll.

QUESTION SIXTH. "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?"

ANSWER. The Bishop presented the written transfer of H. W. Leslie from the Baltimore Conference to the Holston Conference, signed by Bishop Marvin: and announced the transfer of D. S. Hearon from the North Mississippi Conference to the Holston Conference, and the transfer of E. E. Hoss to the Holston Conference.

On motion, the Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the examination of character.

QUESTION TWENTIETH. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

ANSWER. The character of the following Elders was passed: George W. Miles, George Stewart, E. W. Moore and G. Taylor.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with benediction.

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SECOND DAY—THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 21, 1875.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, A. M., Bishop McTyeire in the Chair. Religious services by Wm. Hicks.

The roll was called, and the following members, not present at roll-call yesterday, answered to their names:

CLERICAL—J. D. Baldwin, F. D. Crumley, T. F. Glenn, L. K. Haynes, James Mahoney, J. M. Marshall, C. K. Miller, W. D. Mitchell, M. P. Swaim and J. A. Wiggins.

LAY—Rev. T. P. Summers, P. S. Moody, J. P. Kelly, W. B. Gale, J. M. Carter, J. K. Brown, S. C. Norwood, W. B. Mitchell and E. C. Montgomery.

R. W. Witten, Alternate, took the place of H. S. Bowen, of the Jeffersonville District; and Z. T. Watkins, Alternate, the place of J. C. Wood, of the Chattanooga District.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

QUESTION TWENTIETH. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

ANS. The characters of Carroll Long, John M. McTeer, James Atkins, Sr., S. R. Wheeler, A. J. Frazier, T. J. Pope and John Boring were passed.

QUESTION SECOND. "Who remain on trial?"

ANS. Samuel B. Smitteel, Morton S. Watts, James N. Lotspeich, George C. Rankin, David H. Dickey, William B. Reese, Samuel S. Weatherly, Isaac N. Hoskins, Frank N. Atkins and Joseph P. Reynolds were continued on trial and advanced to second year.

Richard T. Barton, not having been before the Committee of Examination, was continued in the first year.

Pinckney P. McLean's character passed, and he was discontinued at his own request.

H. W. Leslie was discontinued.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

OCTOBER 21.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, 7 P. M., T. F. Smythe.
BROAD " " " G. W. Callahan.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 7 P. M., J. S. Kennedy.
FIRST BAPTIST, 7 P. M., J. W. Dickey.

QUESTION EIGHTH. "What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?"

ANS. James K. Wolfe, Elbert L. Barrett, Joseph H. Sensabaugh, Isaac S. Ross, James I. Cash, Ayres Kincaid and John W. Robertson were passed and elected Deacons.

The character of Wm. Crawford, who is a Deacon, passed.

James O. Shelley and Robert A. Hutsell were continued on trial.

The Bishop announced the Committee of Introduction: E. E. Wiley, C. Long and W. G. E. Cunnyngham.

Dr. A. H. Redford, Book Agent, was introduced to the Conference.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with benediction.

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THIRD DAY—FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 22, 1875.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, A. M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. Religious services by B. W. S. Bishop.

The roll was called, and the following members, who had not heretofore answered to their names, were found to be present:

CLERICAL—S. Philips, J. H. Parrott, L. M. Renfro, W. H. Weaver and A. E. Woodward.

LAY—A. Mahood, A. W. Lotspeich and W. W. Lawrence.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

QUESTION TWENTIETH. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

ANS. The characters of the following Elders were passed: S. V. Bates, W. D. Mitchell, L. M. Renfro, J. S. Kennedy and C. T. Carroll.

The characters of John Reynolds and R. W. Pickens were passed, and they were continued on the supernumerary list.

The death of G. W. Martin was mentioned and the case referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

The case of G. M. Massey was referred to a committee of preliminary investigation, consisting of R. N. Price, J. H. Torbett and S. V. Bates.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

OCTOBER 22.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, 7 P. M., E. E. Wiley.
BROAD STREET, 7 P. M., W. W. Bays.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 7 P. M., J. H. Keith.
FIRST BAPTIST, 7 P. M., Wm. Hicks.
FIRST M. E. CHURCH, 7 P. M., H. C. Neal.

OCTOBER 23.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, 7 P. M., Missionary Anniversary.
BROAD STREET, 7 P. M., S. Philips.
FIRST BAPTIST, 7 P. M., John Boring.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 7 P. M., James Atkins, Jr.
MABRY STREET, 7 P. M., W. B. Stradley.
RIVERSIDE, 7 P. M., K. C. Atkins.

QUES. SEVENTH. "Who are the deacons of one year?"

ANS. Leander W. Thompson, John M. Wolfe, William H. Price, John W. Smith, Ballard R. Wilburn, Erastus H. Bogle, William H. Dawne, James Atkins, Jr., Stephen T. M. McPherson, Joseph A. Bilderback, D. S. Hearon, John P. Dickey, George W. Simpson, John H. Keith and George A. Frazier were passed and advanced to the fourth year.

The characters of John H. Kennedy, Edward S. Shelley, Charles B. Fugate, John H. Robeson, A. T. Brooks and John H. Parrott were passed; but not having completed the course

of study for the third year, they were retained in the third year.

Joseph B. Davis was advanced to the fourth year, and continued in a supernumerary relation.

The character of John R. Hixon was passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

Dr. Mays of the Baptist Church, the Rev. Messrs. Manker and Russell of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Mr. Duncan of the Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference.

A communication was received from Dr. Hargrove, of the Commission to settle matters in dispute between the M. E. Church, South, and the M. E. Church, asking information with reference to property, the title to which is in dispute between said two Methodist Churches, which was referred to the Committee on Church Property, with instructions to furnish the information sought.

W. M. Kerr was requested to act as agent for the Southern Quarterly Review during the session of Conference.

Dr. Redford addressed the Conference with reference to our publishing interests.

An invitation was received from the Faculty of East Tennessee University, through their President, to visit said University, which was accepted.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, There has been no little trouble heretofore in having the minutes of the Conferencce promptly and accurately published, and it being the wish of the Conference that the annual minutes should be published; therefore,

Resolved, That we do most heartily endorse the effort of brother J. R. Payne to publish the "Holston Annual," as stated in his circulars sent out to the friends of the Church, and will lend him our influence and such material aid as we may be able to furnish.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with benediction.

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FOURTH DAY—SATUTDAY MORNING, OCT. 23, 1875.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, A. M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. Religious services by J. N. S. Huffaker.

There being a conflict between appointments of the Committee on Public Worship and of the Board of Missions, the

Conference adopted those of the Committee on Public Worship.

The committee appointed by the Bishop to investigate and inquire into certain rumors affecting the moral character of Rev. G. M. Massey, and see if a trial is necessary in said case, met at the office of the "Holston Methodist," Knoxville, October 22, 1875.

R. N. Price was elected as Chairman and J. A. Reagan requested to act as Secretary.

A. J. Frazier appeared for the Church, and C. T. Carroll for the accused—he being absent.

The evidence, as taken in a former investigation, which was held at Salem church, Asheville Circuit, October 5, 1875, was read by the Secretary.

The committee, after carefully and prayerfully hearing all said testimony, and examining carefully, were of the opinion that a trial was necessary.

The Bishop appointed the following committee:

Henry C. Neal, J. N. S. Huffaker, James W. Dickey, T. F. Glenn, L. L. H. Carlock, G. W. Callahan, P. S. Sutton, Wm. Hicks, T. T. Salyer, L. C. Delashmit, W. H. Weaver, D. B. Carter and R. H. Parker.

Wm. Robeson was appointed Chairman and D. W. Carter Secretary of this Committee, and Rev. Richard N. Price to represent the Church in the trial.

Drs. J. B. McFerrin and R. A. Young, Rev. J. J. Ransom, Missionary to Brazil, and Rev. Mr. Bachman of the Second Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Ques. Twelfth. "What traveling preachers are elected Elders?"

Ans. David W. Carter, William D. Mountcastle, John C. Runyan, Return J. Only, John P. Dickey and Hezekiah W. Bays were passed and elected elders.

The characters of W. R. Barnett, Robert E. Smith and G. W. K. Green were passed; but not having completed the studies of the fourth year, they were retained in the fourth year.

Ques. Tenth. "What local preachers are elected Deacons?"

Ans. James N. Lotspeich being properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Madisonville Circuit, Knoxville District, of which he is a member; and Goodson M. F.

Hampton and William J. Gibbs being properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Burnsville Circuit, Asheville District, of which they are members, were elected Deacons.

QUES. FOURTEENTH. "What local preachers are elected Elders?"

ANS. J. D. Hickson having been four years a local deacon, and being properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Rheatown Circuit, Jonesboro District, of which he is a member, and certifying in writing his assent to the doctrines and Discipline of the M. E. Church, South, was elected an elder.

Thomas P. Summers having been four years a local Deacon, and being properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Morristown Station, Morristown District, of which he is a member, and certifying in person before the Conference his assent to the doctrines and Discipline of the M. E. Church, South, was elected an Elder.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

OCTOBER 24.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, 9 A. M., Love Feast, Wm. Hicks. 10½ A. M., Ordination of Deacons, Bishop McTyeire. 3 P. M., Sunday- School Jubilee at the Opera House. 7 P. M., Dr. R. A. Young.

BROAD STREET, 9 A. M., Love Feast, J. S. W. Neel. 10½ A. M., Dr. McFerrin. 7 P. M., Ordination of Elders, Bishop McTyeire.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 10½ A. M., Dr. R. A. Young. 7 P. M. Dr. D. Sullins.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN, 10½ A. M., Dr. Munsey. 7 P. M., E. W. Moore.

FIRST M. E., 10½ A. M., J. S. Burnett. 7 P. M., J. T. Frazier.

SECOND M. E., 10½ A. M., G. W. Miles. 7 P. M., J. H. Brunner.

FIRST BAPTIST, 10½ A. M., Dr. E. E. Wiley. 7 P. M., Dr. McFerrin.

MABRY STREET, 7 P. M., L. K. Haynes.

RIVERSIDE CHAPEL, 10½ A. M., J. W. Bowman. 7 P. M., S. D. Gaines.

AFRICAN M. E. ZION, 10½ A. M., Wm. Hicks. 7 P. M., W. S. Jordan.

SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN (COLORED), 11 A. M., C. E. Wiggins. 3 P. M., H. P. Waugh. 7½ P. M., J. D. Baldwin.

McGhee Street Baptist, 10½ A. M., G. C. Rankin.
Middlebrook, 3 P. M., F. D. Crumley.

Ques. Twentieth. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

Ans. The characters of the following Elders were passed: B. W. S. Bishop, W. J. Phillips, J. Mahoney, B. F. Nuckolls, E. Vertegans, H. C. Neal, W. H. Kelly, P. S. Sutton, J. S. Burnett, J. W. Dickey, T. F. Smith, J. T. Frazier, S. D. Gaines, C. E. Wiggins, W. H. Weaver, E. E. Wiley, J. A. Davis, D. Sullins, H. P. Myers, L. C. Delashmit, M. L. Clendenin, G. W. Callahan, H. P. Waugh, F. D. Crumley, J. H. Torbett, Geo. D. French, J. K. P. Ball and D. B. Carter.

The character of William Hicks was passed, and he was continued in a supernumerary relation.

The death of J. M. Crismond was mentioned, and the subject referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

The Bishop announced the transfer of C. M. Brown from the Holston to the Baltimore Conference, and the transfer of W. B. Lyda from the Indian Mission to the Holston Conference, and the transfer of Herbert P. Myers from the South Georgia to the Holston Conference.

The following resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Education, without being read:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education are hereby instructed to show the exact relation which each school, which they embody in their report, sustains to this Conference.

John Boring,
S. R Wheeler.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with benediction.

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FIFTH DAY—Monday Morning, Oct. 25, 1875.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, A. M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. Religious services by H. P. Waugh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bishop McTyeire presented the following certificates:

On Sunday, October 24th, after the 11 o'clock sermon, I ordained in the Methodist Church, on Church street, the following persons to the office of Deacon, viz:

Traveling preachers—James K. Wolfe, Elbert L. Barrett,

Joseph H. Sensabaugh, Isaac S. Ross, James I. Cash, Ayres Kincaid and John W. Robertson.

Local preachers—James A. Lyons and James N. Lotspeich.

On Sunday, October 24th, after the 7 o'clock sermon, in Broad Street Methodist Church, I ordained, assisted by four elders, the following traveling preachers to the order of Elders:

David W. Carter, William D. Mountcastle, John C. Runyan, Return J. Only, John P. Dickey and Hezekiah W. Bays.

Also, at the same time and place, the following local preachers:

John D. Hixon and Thomas P. Summers.

H. N. McTyeire.

Ques. Twentieth. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

Ans. The characters of the following Elders were passed:

W. H. Barnes, J. D. Baldwin, W. H. Cooper, F. A. Farley, D. R. Smith, R. N. Price, Jacob Smith, W. G. E. Cunnyngham, W. C. Carden, T. F. Glenn, J. R. Payne, W. H. Bates, J. M. Marshall, Frank Richardson, C. K. Miller, J. S. W. Neel, T. R. Handy, R. H. Parker, W. W. Pyott, D. H. Carr, J. T. Smith, J. H. Brunner, W. W. Bays, B. O. Davis, L. L. H. Carlock, M. P. Swaim, S. Philips, G. W. Renfro, T. P. Darr, L. K. Haynes, W. M. Kerr, K. C. Atkins, J. A. Wiggins, J. W. Bird and J. R. Long.

The characters of R. M. Hickey, J. N. S. Huffaker and J. Alley, were passed, and they were continued in a supernumerary relation.

The character of A. E. Woodward was passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

The character of W. W. Neal was passed, and he was granted a superannuated relation.

The case of G. T. Gray was referred to a committee of preliminary investigation, consisting of J. H. Brunner, W. M. Kerr and W. W. Pyott.

Ques. Fourth. "Who are admitted into full connection?"

Ans. James K. Wolfe, Elbert L. Barrett, Joseph H. Sensabaugh, Isaac S. Ross, W. M. Crawford, James I. Cash, Ayres Kincaid and John W. Robertson.

Rev. Mr. Rankin, Agent of American Bible Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference about that institution.

Rev. Dr. Park of the First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Goldman of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the

Conference. They were received with a rising salutation. Dr. Park, in acknowledgement, said:

BISHOP AND BRETHREN OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE: I accept your courtesy as an act of Christian fraternity, with gratefulness, and beg to express my appreciation of the M. E. Church, South, in all earnestness and sincerity. I salute you, not only as brethren, but hail you as one of the Grand Divisions of the "Sacramental Host of God's Elect," moving in the very vanguard of Christendom, always bearing aloft the banner of the Cross, and always loyal to the crown rights of Jesus. I pray that grace, mercy and peace from God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, may rest and abide with you and upon your work forever.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

OCTOBER 25.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, 3 P. M., J. J. Ransom. 7 P. M., W. W. Bays.

BROAD STREET, 7 P. M., Jas. Atkins, Sr.

MABRY STREET, 7 P. M., J. A. Wiggins.

RIVERSIDE, 7 P. M., J. S. W. Neel.

AFRICAN M. E. ZION, 7 P. M., C. K. Miller.

On motion of E. E. Wiley, it was resolved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, P. M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. Religious services by J. H. Torbett.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The vote by which W. H. Leslie was discontinued was reconsidered, and his character was passed, and he discontinued at his own request.

QUES. EIGHTEENTH. "Who are superannuated?"

ANS. The characters of R. A. Giddens, Wm. Robeson, J. Haskew, L. W. Crouch, T. Sullins and W. B. Winton, were passed, and they were continued in a superannuated relation.

The committee on trial in the case of G. M. Massey submitted a report, which the Bishop decided could not be received, because it was not according to the form of law.

The Committee on the Bible Cause was excused from service on that committee, because of other duties devolved upon them, and J. H. Torbett, T. P. Summers and D. Sullins were appointed on said committee.

The parchments of B. O. Davis having been destroyed by

fire, the Holston Conference requests Bishop Pierce and Marvin, who signed them, to give him a duplicate of them.

QUES. FIRST. "Who are admitted on trial?"

ANS. Phillip P. Kinzer being duly reccommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Hillsville Circuit and Carroll Mission, of which he is a member, and John T. Stover being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Newbern Circuit, of which he is a member, and W. W. Hicks being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the East Tazewell Circuit, of which he is a member, Horton P. Burgar being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Lebanon Circuit, of which he is a member, and J. D. Hixon being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Rheatown Circuit, of which he is a member, and W. B. Stradley being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Tazewell Circuit, of which he is a member, and James A. Lyons being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Church Street Station, Knoxville, of which he is a member, and M. D. Thompson being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Ooltewah Circuit, of which he is a member, and John R. Stewart being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Kingston Circuit, of which he is a member, all of them having been examined by the proper Conference Committee of Examination and by them recommended, were received on trial into the traveling connection.

Notices were given and the Conference adjourned with benediction.

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SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26, 1875.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, A. M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair. Religious services by J. H. Brunner.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The committee of preliminary examination in the case of G. T. Gray presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, appointed to investigate the case of G. T.

Gray, beg leave to report that they find divers rumors injurious to the character of brother Gray, and that some of the evidence bearing on the case cannot be had at this session of the Conference; we, therefore, offer for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the case of George T. Gray be referred to his Presiding Elder for further investigation.

J. H. Brunner,
Wm. M. Kerr,
W. W. Pyott.

The character of W. L. Turner was passed, and he granted a supernumerary relation.

J. K. P. Ball and W. P. Doane were granted a supernumerary relation.

The committee of trial in the case of G. M. Massey reported as follows:

The committee of trial in the case of Rev. Gaston M. Massey, a traveling Elder in the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, after prayerful and deliberate consideration, have reached their conclusion:

They find that the evidence sustains the specifications, except the first clause of the specifications, and that the specifications sustain the charge of immoral conduct.

The committee do hereby suspend Gaston M. Massey from all the functions of the Christian ministry for one year.

Henry C. Neal,
W. H. Weaver,
L. C. Delashmit,
T. F. Glenn,
R. H. Parker,
D. B. Carter,
L. L. H. Carlock,
Phillip S. Sutton,
William Hicks,
T. T. Salyer,
G. W. Callahan,
J. W. Dickey.

Wm. Robeson, Chairman.

D. W. Carter, Secretary.
October 25, 1875.

Whereupon, Bishop McTyeire, as President of the Conference, formally announced the decision of the committee, and declared Gaston M. Massey suspended from all the functions of the Christian ministry till the next meeting of the Holston Annual Conference.

The counsel for the defense announced the intention of the accused to appeal from the decision of the Conference, but that he did not agree with his client, and hoped to dissuade him from his purpose, and asked time during the day to confer with him, which was granted.

The Board of Finance submitted a report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals submitted a report, which was amended and then adopted.

On motion of J. W. Dickey, the Secretary was requested to report to the Conference, at the earliest convenience, from the minutes, the action of the Conference, at its session in Cleveland, in 1854, merging the "Holston Advocate" in the "Nashville Advocate."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily commend to the patronage of our preachers and people the "Southern Quarterly Review," edited with such consummate ability by Dr. Bledsoe.

WILLIAM ROBESON.
T. F. GLENN.

The Committee on the Bible Cause submitted a report, which was adopted.

QUES. THIRTIETH. "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?"

ANS. Cleveland, Bristol and Abingdon, were put in nomination, and the vote of the Conference being taken, Bristol was chosen.

QUES. FIFTH. "Who are readmitted?"

ANS. W. E. Munsey being properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Jonesboro Station, of which he is a member, and S. S. Grant being properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Asheville Station, of which he is a member, were readmitted into the Conference.

QUES. FIRST. "Who are admitted on trial?"

ANS. Wm. D. Akers being properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Newbern Circuit, of which he is a member, and John R. Cunningham being properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Abingdon Circuit, of which he is a member, and J. E. Cox being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Morristown Circuit, of which he is a member, and Rufus M. Standifer being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Jasper Circuit, of which he is a member, and John N. Hobbs being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Morristown Circuit, of which he is a member, and Jackson V. Brown being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Jamestown Circuit, of which he is a member, and Charles M. James being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Altamont Circuit and Mountain and Spen-

cer Missions, of which he is a member, and all of them having been examined by the proper Conference Examining Committee, and by them recommended, were received on trial into the traveling connection.

The Statistical Secretary read his report.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted a report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

OCTOBER 26.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, 7 P. M., R. H. Parker.
BROAD STREET, 7 P. M., J. H. Keith.
SHILOH, 7 P. M., W. H. Price.
AFRICAN M. E. ZION, 7 P. M., Ayres Kincaid.
RIVERSIDE CHAPEL, 7 P. M., D. H. Carr.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint an agent to travel through the Conference in the interests of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, and the circulation of books and tracts.

B. W. S. BISHOP,
SEWELL PHILIPS.

The Committee on Education submitted a report, pending the consideration of which the hour of adjournment arrived, and the report was laid on the table.

On motion, it was resolved, that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M., and that the last hour before reading appointments be occupied with a memorial service.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, P. M., J. W. Dickey in the chair, by the appointment of Bishop McTyeire.

Religious services by J. T. Frazier.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Leave of absence was granted the members of the Board of Missions to hold a meeting.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Education was taken up.

A motion to consider the report *seriatim*, was carried.

Prof. Buchanan and Dr. Young addressed the Conference in behalf of Emory and Henry College.

The item referring to Emory and Henry College was amended by striking out that part relating to the appoint-

ment of E. E. Wiley and J. A. Davis by the Bishop.

That part of the report relating to the appointment of Prof. H. P. Myers to Martha Washington College was stricken out.

President Jones and Dr. Young addressed the Conference in behalf of Martha Washington College.

Dr. Sullins addressed the Conference with reference to Sullins College.

President Brunner addressed the Conference in behalf of Hiwassee College.

After the adoption of the resolution relating to Hiwassee, and the preceding ones, the vote by which it was agreed to consider the report *seriatim*, was reconsidered, and the remainder considered as one item.

The blank in the item relating to property rights in school property was filled by inserting the names of C. Long, W. J. Hicks and preacher in charge of Strawberry Plains Circuit.

The report, amended as above, was then adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint Wm. Hicks editor of the "Holston Advocate," and R. N. Price editor of the "Holston Methodist."

The Committee on Temperance presented a report, pending the consideration of which, it was, on motion, resolved, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 7 o'clock, P. M., Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken up and adopted.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions presented his report.

The Secretary of the Board of Missions presented the annual report of the Board.

D. B. Carter and T. J. Pope were granted superannuated relations.

C. K. Miller was continued in a supernumerary relation.

F. A. Farley was granted a supernumerary relation.

The members of the Board of Missions were re-elected for the ensuing year.

S. Philips was elected to supply the place of W. G. E. Cunnyngham in said Board.

The Committee on Church Property presented their report.

On motion, E. E. Wiley, F. W. Earnest and W. J. Hicks, were appointed a committee to collect facts with reference to property, the title to which is in dispute, and transmit to the Commission appointed by the General Conference with reference to this matter, and on motion, that part of the report of the Committee on Church Property relating to this matter was turned over to this committee.

The Conference ordered that hereafter the Committee on Church Property shall include in their report of church property our college and school property.

E. W. Moore, Presiding Elder of Abingdon District, returned to the Conference the parchments of James L. McCulloch, a local Deacon.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are most sincerely tendered to the proprietors of the Daily PRESS AND HERALD for furnishing the Conference with their excellent paper during the session, free of cost.

Resolved, That we most sincerely tender our thanks to the citizens of Knoxville for the very kind and hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained by them.

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the Christian courtesy extended to us by the ministers and members of those denominations in Knoxville who have tendered to us their houses of worship, and we do most devoutly invoke the blessings of God upon them.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the authorities of the various railroads leading to Knoxville, for passing the members to and from Conference at half fare.

The Committee on Memoirs presented and read a biographical sketch of our dear deceased father, J. M. Crismond, which, after appropriate and interesting remarks by Wm. Hicks and G. Stewart, was adopted and ordered to record.

Also, a memoir of our beloved brother Geo. W. Martin, which, after some very pertinent and pathetic remarks by John Boring and A. J. Frazier, was adopted and ordered to record.

The Conference then sung a hymn of praise, and joined in prayer led by our venerable father J. H. Haskew.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are tendered Capt. Wm. Rule, one of the editors of the "Knoxville Chronicle," for the use of the room so kindly furnished for the uee of the Bishop and his cabinet in the Custom House in the city.

On motion, the Conference ordered the publication of the report of the Committee on Education in the Church papers, and the resolutions of thanks above recorded, in the city papers.

The Bishop, after a brief address, then read the appointments for the ensuing year; an appropriate hymn was sung, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

H. N. McTYEIRE, President.

F. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS.

WYTHEVILLE, DISTRICT.

G. W. MILES., P. E.

Wytheville Station and Circuit, G. C. Rankin, W. B. Stradley.
Marion Circuit, J. H. Keith, L. W. Thompson.
Leadmines Circuit, J. H. Kennedy.
Newberu Circuit, W. H. Price.
New Hope and Jacksonville Circuit, W. W. Hicks.
Hillsville Circuit, John M. Wolfe; Carroll Mission, B. F. Nuckolls.
Elk Creek Circuit, S. D. Gaines.
Independence Circuit, J. Mahoney.
Jefferson Circuit, E. Vertegans, W. B. Akers.
Watauga Circuit, Isaac S. Ross.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.

TOBIAS F. SMYTH, P. E.

Jeffersonville Station, H. C. Neal.
Liberty Hill Circuit, W. M. Crawford, S. B. Smitteel.
East Tazewell Circuit, W. K. Kelly, J. N. Hobbs.
Pearisburg Circuit, P. S. Sutton.
Seddon Circuit, G. W. K. Green, H. T. Burgar; Wm. Hicks, Supernumerary.
Princeton Circuit, L. M. Renfro.
Buchanan Circuit, W. H. Barnes; McDowell Mission, P. P. Kinser.
Bluestone and Flat Top Circuit, John T. Stover.
Mountain Creek Mission, E. S. Shelley.
Wm. Hicks, Editor Holston Advocate.

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

B. W. S. BISHOP, P. E.

Abingdon Station, J. Atkins, jr.
Abingdon Circuit, J. W. Dickey, J. B. Davis, supernumerary.
Emory and Saltville Circuit, W. E. Moore.
Rich Valley Circuit, Morton F. Watts.
Bristol Station, J. T. Frazier.
Bristol Circuit, R. E. Smith; W. P. Doane supernumery
Lebanon Circuit, C. E. Wiggins.
Dickinsonville Circuit, H. W. Bays.
Estillville Circuit, M. L. Clendenin.
Gladeville Circuit, John R. Cunningham; F. A. Farley, supernumerary.
McClure Mission to be supplied by I. N. Boyd.
E. E. Wiley, President and J. A. Davis, Professor, of Emory and Henry College.
D. Sullins, President, and D. S. Hearon, Professor of Sullins College.
H. P. Myers, Professor of Martha Washington College.
G. A. Frazier, Principal of Abingdon District High School.
W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Sunday-School Secretary, and Editor Sunday-School Periodicals, M. E. Church, South.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

GEO. STEWART, P. E.

Jonesboro Station, D. W. Carter.
Jonesboro Circuit, L. C. Delashmit.
Blountville " G. W. Callahan.
Rheatown " J. L. M. French.
Greeneville and Johnson City Station, G. W. Simpson.
Greeneville Circuit, John D. Hickson.
St. Clair Circuit, S. V. Bates.
Newport Circuit, J. E. Cox.
Fall Branch Circuit and Horse Creek Mission, F. D. Crumley.
Elizabetton Circuit and Taylorsville Mission, F. N. Atkin.
R. T. Barton, Principal District Academy at Blountville, Tenn.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

JOHN BORING, P. E.

Morristown Station, C. T. Carroll; J. N.

S. Huffaker, supernumerary.
Morristown Circuit, W. H. Dawne.
Mossy Creek Station, J. A. Lyons; J. K. P. Ball, supernumerary.
Rogersville Circuit, J. K. Wolfe.
Kingsport " David R. Smith.
Rye Cove " W. R. Barnett.
Jonesville " Josiah Torbett.
Powell's Valley Circuit, W. H. Cooper; W. L. Turner, supernumerary.
Tazewell Circuit, W. B. Reese.
Sneedville Mission, J. D. Baldwin.
Rutledge Circuit, H. P. Waugh.
R. N. Price, Editor Holston Methodist.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

C. Long, P E.

Knoxville: Church Street Station, J. S. Burnett.
City Mission, W. H. Bates.
Knoxville: Broad Street Station, W. W. Bays.
Knox and Lenoir Circuit, J. R. Payne.
Maryville and Louisville Circuit, J. C. Runyan.
Clinton Circuit, J. M. Marshall.
Maynardsville Circuit, E. L. Barrett.
Jacksboro Circuit, F. Richardson; C. K. Miller, supernumerary.
Dandridge Station, W. C. Carden.
Strawberry Plains Circuit, T. T. Salyer.
Sevierville Circuit, I. H Hoskins.
B. O. Davis, Principal Knoxville District High School at Concord.
Jacob Smith, Conference Book Agent.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

Grinsfield Taylor, P. E.

Athens Station, R. H. Parker; R. M. Hickey, supernumerary.
Athens Circuit, J. S. W. Neel.
Riceville Circuit, J. W. Robertson.
Decatur Circuit, D. H. Carr.
Sweetwater Circuit, T. F. Glenn.
Philadelphia and Loudon Circuit, W. W. Pyott.
Unitia and Morganton Circuit, J. N. Lotspeich.
Madisonville Circuit, W. D. Mountcastle.
Eleazer Circuit, S. T. M. McPherson; Telico Mission, J. R. Stradley, supernumerary.
Mouse Creek Circuit, J. T. Smith.
J. H. Brouner, President of Hiwassee College.
R. H. Parker, President of Athens District High School.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. M. McTeer, P. E.

Chattanooga Station, G. D. French.
South Chattanooga Station and City Mission, John W. Smith.
Lookout Mission, W. S. Jordan.
Cleveland Station, D. H. Atkins.
Cleveland Circuit, M. D. Thompson.
Charleston Station, K. C. Atkins.
Benton Circuit and Ocoee Mission, A. T. Brooks.
Ooltewah Circuit, Jos. A. Bilderback.
Hamilton Circuit, D. H. Dickey.
Trenton Circuit, M. P. Swaim.
James Atkins, Sr., Book and Tract Agent.

SEQUATCHEE DISTRICT.

S. R. Wheeler, P. E.

Jasper Station, T. R. Handy.
Jasper Circuit, T. P. Darr; J. Alley, supernumerary.
Pikeville Circuit, John H. Parrott.
Washington Circuit, G. W. Renfro.
Kingston Circuit, L. L. H. Carlock, J. R. Stewart.
Jamestown Circuit and Wartburg Mission, J. V. Brown.
Crossville Circuit and Bon Air Mission, J. O. Shelley.
Spencer Mission, C. M. James.
Shiloh Circuit, Altamont and Mountain Mission, R. M. Standifer.
Tracy City Station, Jas. I. Cash.
Summerfield Circuit and Cove Mission, R. J. Only.
J. P. Dickey, Principal People's College.
S. Philips, Agent People's College.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. Frazier, P. E.

Asheville Station, E. E. Hoss.
Weaverville Circuit, J. H. Robeson; R. W. Pickens, supernumerary.
Sulphur Springs Circuit, W. D. Mitchell; J. Reynolds, supernumerary.
Brevard Circuit, S. S. Grant.
Hendersonville Circuit, R. A. Hutsell.
Catawba Circuit, W. B. Lyda.
Burnsville Circuit, Ayres Kincaid.
Bakersville Circuit, J. A. Wiggins.
Marshall Circuit and Pine Creek Mission, J. P. Reynolds.
J. S. Kennedy, President Weaverville College.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

J. W. Bowman, P. E.

Franklin Circuit, L. K. Haynes.
Waynesville Circuit, W. M. Kerr.
Webster Circuit, J. W. Bird; H. M. Bennet, supernumerary.
Hayesville Circuit. J. H. Sensabaugh; W. H. Weaver, supernumerary.
Ducktown Station and Mine City Mission, W. J. Phillips,
Murphy Circuit, E. H. Bogle.
Casher's Valley Mission, C. B. Fugate.
Robinsville Mission, to be supplied by B. G. Wild.
Echota (Indian) Mission, J. R. Long.

TRANSFERRED.

W. E. Munsey, to Louisiana Conference.
B. R. Wilburn, S. S. Weatherly and C. M. Brown to Baltimore Conference.

SUPERANNUATED.

J. Haskew, Wm. Robeson, W. W. Neal, R. A. Giddens, W. B. Winton, P. J. Pope, D. B. Carter and T. Sullins, L. W. Crouch,

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

W. H. Price, F. Alexander, H. C. Neal, J. P. Kelly, J. W. Dickey, W. B. Aston, G. W. Callahan, F. W. Earnest, Jacob Smith, H. C. T. Richmond, T. T. Salyer, J. M. Carter, R. H. Parker, W. S. Saul, G. D. French, John C. Wood, S. Philips, E. C. Montgomery, S. D. Gaines, J. A. Reagan, W. M. Kerr, W. W. Stringfield.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The report of the Board of Finance is composed mostly of tables, showing the salaries of the preachers in their respective charges, as fixed by the District and Circuit Stewards, the amount paid to each, and the amount of Conference Collections raised by the preachers to support the Superannuated preachers, the widows and orphans of preachers. (See Financial Exhibit.)

The report as rendered by the Committee cannot well be printed as given. I, therefore, take the liberty to divide, and arrange the report in two or three parts.

J. R. PAYNE, Ass't. Sec'y.

1. Amount of salaries allowed the preachers,	$52,484.26
2. Amount paid on preachers' salaries, - -	39,138.36
3. Amount deficient and unpaid on salaries, -	13,345.90
4. Amount collected for Conference claimants on the several pastoral charges, - - -	$1,298.70
5. Amount of collection at Knoxville, Church st. ch.,	37.20
6. Amount rec'd of E. E. Wiley, Treas. E. & H. College, int. on note of Preacher's Aid Soc'ty.,	38.67
7. Received of E. E. Wiley, Treasurer Holston Conference, interest on Waugh Fund,	24.00
8. Received of E. E. Wiley, Treasurer Holston Conference, interest on Jas. Atkins' note,	21.78
9. Received of G. Taylor, Trustee, interest on Ambrister Fund, - - - - -	181.50
Amount of Conference Fund,	$1,601.85

The Conference Fund was distributed to the following claimants, to-wit:

1.	Mrs. W. W. Smith,	per J. W. Gaut, - -	$ 50.00
2.	Timothy Sullins, - - - - - -		120.00
3.	Mrs. C. Mitchell,	per J. Mahoney, - -	105.00
4.	Mrs. W. Boring,	" J. Boring, - -	100.00
5.	Mrs. E. K. Hutsell,	" J. Webb, - -	60.00
6.	Mrs. E. A. Patton,	" H. C. Neal, - -	60.00
7.	Bro. Ballew's chil'n.	" J. Webb, - -	75.00
8.	Mrs. Goodykountz,	" C. Long, - -	50.00
9.	Mrs. Mary Fleming,	" G. Taylor, - -	50.00
10.	Mrs. R. M. Stevens,	" T. F. Glenn, - -	50.00
11.	Bro. Munsey's 2 sons,	" J. Atkins, sr., - -	120.00
12.	Mrs. W. Keener	" J. W. Bird, - -	75.00
13.	" O. F. Cunningham	" J. W. Dickey, - -	75.00
14.	Rev. W. B. Winton,	" J. M. McTeer, - -	150.00

15.	Mrs. W. K. Foster, per	D. Sullins, - -	100.00
16.	Mrs. E. F. Lyons, "	E. E. Hoss, - -	110.71
17.	Mrs. S. Alexander, "	F. Alexander, - -	100.00
18.	Miss Bettie Wagg, "	G. W. Miles, - -	25.00
19.	Mrs. G. W. Martin,	- - - - -	50.00
20.	Rev. J. Haskew,	- - - - -	20.00
21.	Miss Mattie Swisher, per	R. J. Only, - -	40.00
22.	Mrs. J. L. McGhee, "	W. W. Pyott, - -	20.00

We received of John Boring, on expenses of Delegates to General Conference, which amount was assessed by last Joint Board to the Morristown District, $6.00.

Resolved, That we require a receipt from the claimants for moneys received from the Conference Fund, and that the same be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of Finance.

H. C. NEAL, Ch'm.

F. ALEXANDER, Sec'y.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to present the following report:

An examination of the Annual Exhibit of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, furnish the gratifying information that prosperity still smiles upon our interest in this department of christian enterprise. A comparison of assets and liabilities show a balance in favor of the House of three hundred and six thousand, seven hundred and one dollars and fifty-five cents ($306,701.55.) The Agent has worked with characteristic energy, and the Church has rallied to his assistance with commendable earnestness and zeal. While this is true to a great extent, we are not unconscious of the fact that a large part of the Church shares no part of this honor, and realizes no benefit from the distribution of the healthful, religious literature the Publishing House affords. The reports from the different charges that have come into our hands show the mortifying fact that in many of the charges none of the books of our own publication have been sold. Agents for other books are in many parts of the country selling books at higher prices and of much less intrinsic value than the literature our House will furnish. We believe that with a little energy on the part of our preachers the amount of books sold the past year may be doubled the year to come. Two thousand, four hundred and seventy-one dollars and forty-seven cents, is the amount our people have spent for books the past year. When we remember that we have a

white membership of thirty-seven thousand, five hundred and ninety-four persons, who must read our literature we are impressed with the fact that there is yet much to be done in this department of christian labor. The figures show that just three hundred and thirty-six copies of the Nashville "Advocate" visit the thirty-seven thousand Southern Methodists of the Holston Conference. This is but little more than half the number donated to two Districts of the Conference in our times of trouble. Have preachers and people forgotten their obligations as members and ministers of Southern Methodism? True it is that other papers devoted to the interests of Southern Methodism, to the number of two thousand, six hundred and seventy-seven, circulate among us. But they are individual enterprises and consequently of secondary interest. We are bound by the strongest obligations to labor first for the support of our own church organ, which has for years been recognized as the only organ of our Conference. If we meet these obligations as we should your Committee is persuaded that the hundreds of copies of the "Christian Advocate" now taken in our bounds will soon be multiplied to thousands. We present the following resolutions:

1. That we will renew our endeavors to circulate the books of our own publication among our people, that they may have a part in relieving the Publishing House of all embarrassment, and at the same time secure for themselves and their families the best religious literature.

2. That we take pleasure in recommending the "Christian Advocate," published at Nashville, Tenn., as the organ of the Church, as the organ of the Holston Conference, and as having claims upon our patronage that no other paper can supercede or annul.

3. That in so far as is consistent with the duties and obligations above set forth the "Holston Methodist" and the "Holston Advocate" are worthy of the continued confidence and support of our people.

B. W. S. Bishop, Ch'm.
S. Phillips,
J. L. Buchanan,
L. K. Haynes.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee, to whom the Bible Cause was referred, beg leave to submit the following report:

We regret that we have been able to gain but little information on the subject, especially from our brethren in charge of the various Stations, Circuits and Missions within our Conference.

We, however, call your attention to the following facts and figures, obtained from Rev. W. B. Rankin, Agent of the American Bible Society for Middle and East Tennessee.

At least one-third of the counties of East Tennessee have neither Bible Societies for the circulation of God's Word, nor depositories where copies of the Scriptures may be obtained by the destitute.

Your Committee are pained to learn from the same source that there is great destitution in those unfavored localities. Not less than one-fourth of the families are without the word of light and life.

The Agent also informs us that there is a great lack of interest even in the churches in efforts to forward this great and glorious work of giving the bread of life to famishing men and women, who, without it, must perish everlastingly.

We, as a part of God's sacramental hosts, feel, at least so far as we have the ability to remedy this deplorable state of affairs, that these things ought not so to be; Therefore, be it

Resolved. 1. That we reaffirm our devotion to the Bible cause.

2. That we will heartily co-operate with the American Bible Society, through its authorized Agent, in its efforts to make the written word of God accessible to all the people.

3. That our preachers in the discharge of their pastoral duties are required to satisfy themselves that those to whom they minister have the word of life, and that in so far as they have it not, they will use such means as may be within their power to procure it for them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. P. Summers,
F. Sullins,
J. H. Torbitt.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 26, 1875.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In order to compare our labors in Sunday Schools with those of other denominations of Christians, your Committee have compiled some statistics: These, excepting what refer to our Church, are taken from reports of 1871. They are as follows:

	MEMBERS.	SCHOLARS.	PER CENT.
M E. Church, South, (last Gn'l M'ts.,)	696,764	328,634	47
M. E. Church, North	1,298,938	1,179,984	90
Presbyterian Church, South,	69,807	42,907	61
Lutherans,	91,720	71,832	78
Presbyterian Church, North,	446,561	448,857	100½
Congregationalists,	306,209	369,350	120

On examination of these figures it is seen that the Sunday School strength of our Church, as compared with its membership is smaller than that of any of the Churches named. Certainly this is not flattering to us, nor complimentary to the Sunday School enterprise and effort of our connection. It is some consolation to us that the Sunday School report of this Conference is better than the average report of the M. E. Church, South. Yet our members in Sunday Schools are not half what they should be; not half what they would be under well-directed, persistent effort.

The report of this year shows an increase over last year of 4,190 scholars.

The Wytheville District exhibits the largest Sunday School organization, and takes the largest number of the periodicals of the Church for Sunday Schools. The Athens District in proportion to numbers takes our Sunday School literature most liberally. The Knoxville District collected and expended the largest amount of money. Church Street Station, of this District, raised a larger amount of money than any other charge in the Conference; its contribution exceded that of every Presiding Elder's District except the Wytheville. One hundred and fifteen dollars was appropriated by it to the Building Fund of the Church. It is worthy of mention that a girl of fourteen, a pupil of this school, made by her unaided labors, and gave, not less than $15. These things are mentioned not for invidious distinctions, but to show what results follow from lively interest and willing labor, and to provoke others to good works.

Some pastoral charges in the Conference are reported either as having no school at all, or no school under the care of our Church.

Your Committee would remind brethren having charge of these fields, that Methodist Sunday Schools are important helps to other church work, and commend to their consideration the rule of our Discipline, (page 122, sec. 5), as follows:

"Let Sunday Schools be formed in all our congregations where ten children can be collected for that purpose. Let the Schools be under the control of our Church, and it is recommended that they use our own publications."

It is a fact much to be deplored, that less than one-third of the scholars in the Sunday Schools of our Conference use the Uniform Lessons issued by our Publishing House.

If it is the duty of the Church to publish these papers, it is palpably the correlative duty of the Church schools to use them. They are faithful exponents of the Holy Scriptures, as interpreted by our best authorities. The system of Uniform Lessons is a marked advance on the former methods. It makes the School more wieldy; it reduces the evils resulting from irregularities; it provides for concentrated effort;

it focalizes thought; it kindles an intense zeal and introduces a greater thoroughness and closer accuracy.

The Holston Conference has now stronger reasons than ever before for using these publications. Dr. Cunnyngham, the newly appointed Sunday School Secretary, belongs to this Conference. We are acquainted with his life; we know of the purity of his character, his devotion to the Church, his talents, his attainments and his aptitude for this great and good work. We can afford not only to commend him most heartily to the brethren throughout the connection but in advance to endorse his work in the new place and to show our confidence in him by trippling in exertions to secure the uniform use of these publications in our Sunday Schools. Let us do this, endeavoring not only to increase our numbers but also the teaching power of our schools, ever endeavoring to commend to the young people consecrated lives, to win them to Christ, to train them for heaven. This should be the central purpose of the Sunday School. Failing in this the Sabbath School becomes a failure.

In view of the statistics and of the suggestions made, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. We will endeavor to make the number of our Sunday School scholars at least equal to that of our Church members.

2. The Sunday School should receive the cordial sympathy and active support of all members of the Church.

3. Spirituality and devotedness to Christ are the life of this work.

4. More attention and importance should be given to the instruction of children in the Catechism.

5. The Uniform Lesson system, issuing from the Publishing House at Nashville, is best adapted to our work and wants.

6. We pledge to Dr. Cunnyngham our hearty support and co-operation in the service to which he has been called by the Church.

R. W. JONES,
L. L. H. CARLOCK,
G. D. FRENCH,
Committee.

NOTE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.—The Sunday School Statistics will be found in "Statistical Tables." Money expended, in "Financial Exhibit."

The report of volumes in Library is 20,373. Sunday School Visitors taken, 1,600. Sunday School Magazines taken, 540. Number of Lesson Papers, 3,363. Number of our "Little People" taken, 2,037.

Per cent. of Sunday School Scholars, compared with Church members: Wytheville District, 78; Jeffersonville District, 56½; Abingdon District, 70; Jonesboro' District, 44¾; Morristown District, 57¾; Knoxville District, 55; Athens District, 39½; Chattanooga District, 53½; Pikeville District, 58½; Asheville District, 48½; Franklin District, 45.

J. R. PAYNE, Ass't Sec'y.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have had the subject under serious consideration; and while they congratulate the Conference on its great advance in this department of church work, they have reason to regret that greater harmony and better methods do not obtain in our educational system.

There are many vital questions which root themselves in this subject, well worthy our thoughtful consideration—questions which touch the very life of the Church and the highest interests of our people; but our limits will not allow us to enumerate, much less to discuss them.

The subject of "right education" can never cease to be one of prime interest to every lover of his race; and as a body of Cristian men we cannot ignore its claims without treason to the high trust committed to us.

While, therefore, we should favor education in its broadest and best sense, wherever and by whomsoever employed, we are bound to special loyalty to the schools which have been born of the enterprise and liberality of our own people, and are the chosen instruments of the Church to carry out her own plans and purposes in this department of her work.

A number of schools within our bounds have been reported to us, to which we will call your attention.

EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE,

by its age, past achievements, and present status, richly deserves the continued confidence of this body, from which it sprang, and by whom it has been nurtured, and on which in turn it has cast its chastening and elevating influence.

Its faculty embraces some of the best brains in the land, and its graduates adorn every profession in many of the States of this Union, attesting the fidelity and justifying the methods of instruction there employed.

The present collegiate year has opened with 144 students; 42 from Virginia, 29 from Tennessee, 23 from Texas, 14 from Mississippi, 8 from Arkansas—the others from half a dozen other States, including Kentucky and Illinois.

Seven of these young men are preachers, and others are looking to the ministry as their vocation.

The present senior class, twenty-six in number, is the largest in the history of the College, and it is a fact that we note with pleasure, that at no former opening was there so large a percentage of old students in attendance.

Your Committee feel sure the Conference will heartily respond, when it is declared that Emory and Henry College has done and is doing too much toward the mental discipline and culture of many of its members, and the elevation of the body among our sister Conferences, for us to relax our efforts or abate our energies in its behalf.

During last year $900.00 in tuition was remitted to ministers' sons and young men preparing for the active work.

Board of Visitors, Emory and Henry College: Rev. J. M. McTeer, Rev. J. W. Dickey, Rev. G. W. Miles, Rev. B. W. S. Bishop, Rev. G. Stewart, Rev. R. N. Price, Rev. E. W. Moore, Rev. Frank Richardson, W. B. Aston, Esq., J. D. Johnson, Esq., Hon. J. A. Kelley, Hon. James P. Kelley, Peter Gallagher, Esq.

MARTHA WASHINGTON COLLEGE, ABINGDON, VIRGINIA.

The Trustees of this institution have reported through Maj. R. W. Jones, the President, many interesting and important facts touching its general condition.

We have the most gratifying assurances that the College is winning its way to higher and still higher favor, and enlarging its influence for good.

It is to us a cause of profound gratitude that we are enabled to report a very marked improvement in the condition and circumstances of this your Conference Female College.

The labors of the year ending June 23d, 1875, were crowned with gratifying success, the government of the school was easily and fully administered, the growth of pupils in solid and elegant acquirements and in true womanly character was notable.

The faculty have been earnest, laborious and faithful.

More than three thousand dollars were paid last session on the debts of the College, leaving liabilities of only about two thousand dollars above its good claims; showing a rapid and large improvement in its financial status.

The present session has opened more auspiciously than any previous one. There are in attendance 117 pupils—84 boarders. This shows an increase of patronage over the corresponding period of last year of more than fifty per cent.

These gratifying results, it is believed, are mainly traceable to the following causes:

1. The thorough scholarship and careful government of the Institution.
2. The reduction of incidental expenses.
3. The increase of public confidence in the ultimate success of the school.

In this institution the tuition is remitted to the daughters of traveling ministers and annually to five other young ladies who are esteemed worthy and are unable to pay.

It is the purpose of the Joint Board and faculty to maintain a high standard of scholarship, and a safe, prudent government; so that parents and guardians may have the highest assurance that their daughters and wards will be accurately taught and properly cared for. With proper and continuous effort on the part of the Conference and friends of this institution, its usefulness and prosperity may be yet still more enlarged and developed into one of the most magnificent interests of the Church.

We respectfully recommend the appointment of the following visitors, viz: Jas. Atkins, sr., D. C. Miller, G. W. Miles, J. W. Dickey, J. H. Keith, Jno. A. Kelley, J. L. Buchanan, J. T. Frazier, P. Gallagher, J. S. Kennedy, B. W. S. Bishop, W. H. Price, J. W. Gaut.

SULLINS COLLEGE, BRISTOL, TENNESSEE,

is brought to the notice of your Committee by a written report from its Trustees, and a verbal statement by its President, Brother Sullins. The facts submitted show an improvement in patronage over last year of twenty per cent. Valuable additions have been made to the faculty this year by adding Rev. D. S. Hearon and wife—both graduates of our own institutions. The Trustees bear testimony to the industry and efficiency of Dr. Sullins in building up the interests of this institution, and ask his appointment to the Presidency, and Rev. D. S. Hearon to a Professorship in the institution. We would respectfully ask that you grant their request.

HIWASSEE COLLEGE

was represented to your Committee by Rev. Bro. Brunner, President, who assures us it is going forward, though not as prosperously as could be desired, yet meeting a large educational want of its patrons in this and adjoining States. Several young men who attend its instructions are preparing to take their place in the itinerant ranks, and one or more this year have joined hands with us, who have shared the benefits of that institution.

Your Committee is informed that this institution has been "adopted" by your body, and that afterward the Athens District resolved to patronize it as their school for boys.

T. Sullins, W. S. Saul, Dr. G. A. Long, W. W. Pyott, C. Long, J. M. McTeer, L. L. H. Carlock, W. W. Bays, J. W. Duncan, T. T. Salyer, R. H. Parker, I. T. Lenoir, are suggested as the Visiting Committee.

WEAVERVILLE COLLEGE,

situated in Buncombe county, North Carolina. Through Dr. Vandiver, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, we learn that the services of Dr. Kennedy, as President, have been secured and that the new enterprise opens auspiciously. They have quite a promising outlook, and hope to take an honorable position in the great work of scattering knowledge through the land. They respectfully ask the appointment of Dr. Kennedy to this position and we concur in the request.

In addition to the foregoing there are a number of District schools, which in some form report to your committee, many of them asking the appointment of members of this body as principals.

THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE,

located in the Sequachee Valley, Tennessee, is represented as meeting a manifest and pressing want in that country; as occupying property valued at $10,000.00, with a debt of $1,200.00 to $1,500.00, upon the payment of which, during the present year, our Church may secure a title to the whole.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. J. P. Dickey, as Principal, and Brother S. Philips, as Agent.

ATHENS DISTRICT FEMALE INSTITUTE,

located at Sweetwater, Tennessee, is represented as in a prosperous condition, with sixty-five pupils, and occupying a property worth $5,000.00, unincumbered. We have assurances that the school has been well and efficiently conducted by Brother R. H. Parker and recommend his re-appointment.

In addition to these we beg leave to state that the Abingdon District High School, at Hansonville, has been successfully conducted by Brother Geo. A. Frazier, who is a popular teacher, and recommend his appointment to that school.

The Morristown Female High School, under the direction of Rev. T. P. Summers, Principal, and R. A. Lowry, Professor, is in a prosperous condition, and vindicates its claims to patronage and confidence. It has been adopted by the Morristown District Conference.

Besides we learn that District schools are organized and in successful operation in Wytheville District, at Elk Creek; in the Morristown District, at Jonesville; in Chattanooga, at Ooltewah; and one is soon to be opened in Knoxville District, at Concord.

We are also informed that the Jonesboro' District has established a District Female High School at Blountville, Sullivan county, East Tennessee, with the Rev. R. T. Barton, a member of this body, as its principal, and we recommend the appointment of Brother Barton to the position of Principal of said school.

By a resolution of your body, referred to this committee, you require of us to state the precise relation of the various schools to the Church. From information furnished, we beg to report that Emory and Henry and Martha Washington colleges are held by Trustees, for the M. E. Church, South, with such deeds as vest the property rights in the Church.

But it is impossible with the lights before us to define the actual property relation of the other institutions; therefore, in order to meet the ends contemplated in your resolution, we suggest the appointment of a committee consisting of F. W. Earnest, E. C. Reeves, Dr. E. E. Wiley, John B. Hoyle and C. W. Hicks, who shall, as far as possible, obtain the information desired, and report to this body at its next session.

We further suggest the appointment of a committee consisting of C. Long, W. J. Hicks and the pastor of Strawberry Plains circuit, to look into the condition and the title of the property formerly known as Holston College, New Market, Tennessee.

Resolved, That the subject of Christian Education in all its forms never had stronger claims upon the confidence and sympathy and support of our people than it now has.

Resolved, That we do earnestly commend to the continued patronage of all our people the Colleges—male and female—belonging to and under the immediate control of our Conference; and also the various District Conference Schools, organized and operated in the interest of general education within our bounds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. Burnett, Ch'n.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

There is no question as to intemperance being a sore evil in our land, despoiling many an earthly paradise, filling our insane and idiotic asylums, crowding our prison houses, multiplying its dens of iniquity, and thrusting its thousands of paupers and helpless victims out of support and employment, into the streets and highways, upon the cold charities of the world. This it does, but stops not here, but on and on it goes, leaving in its poisonous trail ten thousand other woes, that swell the dark flood of human sorrow, while hell itself is peopled with its votaries.

Ecclesiastical history establishes the truth that whenever and wherever intemperance, or the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is allowed and indulged in by the ministry or laity of the Church, that then and there the spiritual purity and power of the Church has departed.

It seems proper, in this connection, to say that our Church statistics show that those Conferences in which the vote on the late temperance question manifested the greatest preference for the *stricter* "rule," had, in a striking degree, the greatest success in advancing the Messiah's kingdom, and *vice versa;* and we are happy to know that our beloved Holston preaches, votes and practices *abstemiousness*, deeming it the only sure way to salvation from intemperance and its direful results. Temperance organizations and local option laws, in some sections of the Conference, are exerting a noticeable and praiseworthy influence in suppressing this scourge of humanity—these are gracious helps.

We are satisfied, however, that the chief, if not the only successful, way to free humanity from the demon spirit of intemperance, is to wage a fierce and constant war upon it, and "through Christ which strengtheneth," with the "sword of the Spirit," from the pulpit, in the pastorate, and from the press, cut its bands asunder.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we will set forth the sin of intemperance in the light of the Gospel throughout all our ministry.

2. Resolved, That the preachers be urged to enforce the Discipline upon offenders, in order that the light of purity and "temperance in all things" may adorn the Church, which should be as "a city that is set on a hill."

W. H. Price,
J. W. Duncan,
H. M. Folsom.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

The Domestic Missions of the Conference are under the direction of a Board of Missions appointed annually by the Conference.

The Board for 1875–'6 consists of the following:

Rev. Wm. Hicks, President; Rev. J. W. Dickey, Vice President; Rev. F. Richardson, Secretary; Rev. J. S. Burnett, Treasurer; Revs. R. N. Price, J. T. Frazier, B. W. S. Bishop, T. F. Smyth, J. L. M. French, S. Philips, Managers.

The Board of 1874–'5 made no report, except the assessments and appropriations for 1875–'6 and the report made by the Treasurer, W. G. E. Cunnyngham.

Presuming that the drafts of 1873 are all paid, the appropriations of 1874 were $2,550; of which the Treasurer paid $1,786.50, leaving outstanding, drafts amounting to $763.50, to be paid before the drafts of 1875 can be paid, and requir-

ing collections for 1875–'6 to net $3,598.50 to meet all claims on the Board for 1876.

The assessments of the Board amount to $3,931, which are published with assessments of Board of Finance.

The report of Treasurer is arranged by the Assistant Secretary, by request, and the appropriations added up for each District. I could not well give the amount raised in each charge for Home and Foreign Missions, respectively, for want of room in the tables.

[See Financial Exhibit, 1875.]

J. R. PAYNE, Assistant Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER,

HOLSTON CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary Board of the Holston Conference for the years 1874-5 :

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To amount of collections by the Preachers for Home Missions, . . .	$2,637.36	
To one-half of Anniversary collection, Knoxville	60.62	$2,697.98
To amount of collections by the Preachers for Foreign Missions . . .	$1,829.28	
To one-half of Anniversary collection, Knoxville	60.62	1,889.90
		$4,587.88

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By amount paid on old Drafts, for 1873-4.			
For Knoxville District to	C. Long	$210.33	
" Asheville " "	A. J. Frazier	35.00	
" Jeffersonville " "	Geo. Stewart	142.42	
" Pikeville " "	S.R. Wheeler	262.50	
" Echota Mission "	J. R. Long	150.00	
" Abingdon District "	E. W. Moore	62.50	$ 862.75
By amount paid on Drafts for 1874-5.			
For Wytheville District, to	G. W. Miles,	$ 72.00	
" Jeffersonville " "	G. Stewart,	216.00	
" Abingdon " "	E. W. Moore,	87.50	
" Jonesboro " "	G. Taylor,	216.00	
" Morristown " "	J. Boring,	90.00	
" Knoxville " "	C. Long,	175.00	
" Athens " "	J.M.McTeer,	126.00	
" Chattanooga " "	J. Atkins,	144.00	
" Pikeville " "	S.R.Wheeler,	480.00	
" Franklin " "	T. J. Pope	180.00	1,786.50

By amount paid Dr. A. H. Redford, Treasurer of Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, Nashville:

For Foreign Missions, . . .		$1,889.90
By expenses, &c.:		
For Stationery, Express and Postage,	$ 5.00	
" Printing Drafts,	1.50	
Amount of Counterfeit Money	15.00	$21.50
Balance on hand		27.23
		$4,587.88

W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM, Treas.

Appropriations to Missions in the bounds of the Holston Annual Conference, made by the Board of Missions at the Conference held at Knoxville, Tenn., October 20-26, for the years 1875-6.

Wytheville Dist.			for P. E.	$	
"	"	Carroll Mission	" P. C.	75.00	$75.00
Jeffersonv'e	"		" P. E.	75.00	
"	"	Flat Top Mission	" P. C.	100.00	
"	"	McDowell "	" "	100.00	
"	"	MountainCr'k "	" "	60.00	335.00
Abingdon	"		" P. E.	.....	
"	"	McClure Mission	" P. C.	125.00	125.00
Jonesboro	"		" P. E.	50.00	
"	"	Taylorsv'e Mission	" P. C.	125.00	
"	"	Horse Cr'k "	" "	125.00	300.00
Morristown	"		" P. E.	.....	
"	"	Sneedville Mission	" P. C.	125.00	125.00
Knoxville	"		" P. E.	.....	
"	"	Kn'xv'leCityMis'n	" P. C.	350.00	350.00
Athens	"		" P. E.	35.00	
"	"	Tellico Mission	" P. C.	90.00	125.00
Chattanooga	"		" P. E.	75.00	
"	"	Ocoee Mission	" P. C.	125.00	
"	"	S. Chattanooga "	" "	155.00	
"	"	Lookout "	" "	75.00	425.00
Pikeville	"		" P. E.	175.00	
"	"	Wartburg Mission	" P. C.	75.00	
"	"	Cove "	" "	125.00	
"	"	Mountain "	" "	75.00	
"	"	Spencer "	" "	75.00	
"	"	Cr'sv'le&B'nAir	" "	50.00	575.00
Asheville	"		" P. E.	25.00	
"	"	PineCreekMission	" "	75.00	100.00
Franklin	"		" "	100.00	
"	"	Cash'rsVal'yMis'n	" P. C.	75.00	
"	"	Robinsville "	" "	75.00	
"	"	Mine City "	" "	50.00	300.00
					$2,835.00

MEMOIRS.

Rev. JOHN M. CRISMOND was born and reared in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. The precise time of his birth is not known. When quite a small boy, playing on the streets of Baltimore, he was picked up one beautiful Sabbath morning and led to the Sunday School and placed in a class of little boys, under a male teacher who felt a deep interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of his pupils. In that school good impressions were made upon the mind of young Crismond, whose sentiments were corrected, habits formed, character moulded and destiny shaped, not only for this short life but the eternal future. This teaching resulted, under the heavenly influences of the Holy Spirit in a sound, clear and powerful conversion to God. He became a tailor by trade and continued this occupation until he was clearly convinced that God had called him to preach the Gospel. In the spring of 1836 he came to Abingdon, Va., was licensed to preach June 26th following, and was recommended to the Holston Annual Conference, for admission on trial, by the Quarterly Conference of the Abingdon Station, Oct. 2, 1837, was admitted at Madisonville in the same month, and appointed to the Athens Circuit. The following were his fields of labor to the end of his useful life: Jonesville Circuit, 1838; Knoxville Circuit, 1839; Pearisburg Circuit, 1840; Marion Circuit, 1841; Wytheville Circuit, 1842; Abingdon Circuit, 1843; Marion Circuit, 1844; Pearisburg Circuit, 1845; Grayson Circuit, 1846, 1847: Lebanon Circuit, 1848; Jeffersonville Circuit, 1849; Abingdon Circuit, 1850; Rogersville Circuit, 1851; Lebanon Circuit, 1852; Jonesboro Circuit, 1853: Jeffersonville Circuit, 1854; Pearisburg Circuit, 1855; Abingdon Circuit, 1856; Jonesboro Circuit, 1857; Estellville Circuit, 1858; Lebanon Circuit 1859; Rheatown Circuit, 1860; Princeton Circuit, 1861; Presiding Elder, Wytheville District, 1862; Wytheville Circuit, 1863; Grayson Circuit, 1864; Abingdon Circuit, 1865; Jeffersonville Circuit, 1866; Pearisburg Circuit, 1867; Estellville Circuit, 1868; Dickensonville Circuit, 1869, 1870; Abingdon Circuit, 1871; Blountville Circuit, 1872; Seddon Circuit, 1873; Morristown Circuit, 1874.

He was ordained Deacon, Nov. 15, 1840, at Lafayette, Ga., by Bishop Morris, and was ordained Elder, Oct. 8, 1843, at Abingdon, Va., by Bishop Morris.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Shannon, June 1, 1841, with whom he lived happily nearly 34 years. Nine children were the fruit of this union, two of whom preceded him to the Christian's home. This faithful worker served his generation by the will of God, for nearly 38 years, having cultivated twenty different fields of labor for his Master, nineteen Circuits and one District. Nine of these he traveled one year;

five of them two years, three of them three years, one of them four years and one of them five years.

These demonstrate the faithfulness of the laborer. Most appreciated where best known. Most beloved where he staid the longest. His piety was of the best type, deep, solid, scriptural, unaffected. He made no compromise with the world, the flesh and the devil. He was very select in his reading. The Bible was his first book, constant companion and study. After that he was fond of reading other good books which led to the knowledge and love of God.

He was reserved in conversation on general topics, but always ready to converse with the most exalted, or the most humble persons on the subject of religion. He professed to love God perfectly and gave continual evidence of the fact; he preached it, prayed it, and lived it.

During his sickness he was frequently visited by different brethren and friends, with whom he conversed freely and gave entire satisfaction at all times as to his spiritual state, often rejoicing and exclaiming, "Salvation to God and the Lamb." For better medical attention he was removed from the country to Morristown, to the house of brother T. D. Murf, at which place he closed his earthly career, in full possession of his intellectual powers and in the rich enjoyment of the consolation of our holy religion, April 27, 1875. In his last utterances he had the rich legacy which Jesus bequeaths to all his faithful servants. Said he, "I have peace." When speech had failed, at the request of a brother he lifted his hand in token of victory. Ordinarily he was not above mediocrity as a preacher, but always sensible, solid, edifying and at times overwhelming.

WM. HICKS,
Chairman.

REV. GEORGE W. MARTIN was born in Wythe county, Va., Feb. 10, 1821. He professed religion and joined the Methodist E. Church, in his eighth year, being the first one of the family to become pious. When about 16 years old he was appointed the leader of his class. His heart being divinely impressed that it was his duty to preach the Gospel, he was in his twenty-fifth year accordingly licensed by the now sainted Catlett.

In 1845 he married Miss Rebecca Perkins, daughter of Timothy Perkins, of Grayson county, Va. She died in 1857. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Miss N. J. Cox, daughter of Samuel Cox, of Sullivan county, Tennessee.

In 1863 he was admitted on trial in the Holston Annual Conference and appointed to the Mechanicsburg Circuit, which he traveled two years; 1865 and 1866, he traveled the Princeton Circuit; 1867 and 1868, he spent on the Watauga Circuit and the two following years on the Burnsville Circuit. In 1871 he was sent to the Asheville Circuit and remained

three years. At our last session he was returned to the Bakersville Circuit, which had formed a part of the Burnsville Circuit while he traveled it. He entered upon his labors with the cheering prospect of being the honored instrument in the hands of God, of accomplishing great good among his old parishoners, loved and honored as he was, not only by them, but by all classes of the commmunity. In his public ministrations he more than once gave utterance to a presentiment that he was nearing the end of his labors; that his life work was about to close. The land of Beulah, rose invitingly to the eye of faith and stray notes of melody from the bright beyond mingled as a sweet refrain with the soul's glad harmony.

His last public ministerial labor was performed in our church in Bakersville, on Tuesday night, March 30, 1875. On Wednesday afternoon while passing by Captain J. W. Bowman's saw mill, he kindly stopped to assist in adjusting a band, which had been thrown from a wheel, but by some misstep he was thrown among the wheels and his head crushed mortally. He remained in an unconscious state until Friday morning, when reason was once more enthroned and he fully realized the fatal nature of his injuries. Tranquil and silent he lay for a time on the bed of death in prayerful and solemn self-examination, the result of which assured him that had he been instantly killed he was ready to go. Said he loved God amid pain and affiiction better than he had ever done before and that he had no desire to recover unless he could preach and be useful to his fellowmen. On Sabbath morning he requested that Prof. W. C. Bowman and Miss Mollie K., should sing for him and accompany the music on the organ, and during the melody he became exultantly happy. On Tuesday he called for singing again, when the "Footsteps of Jesus" was sung. Deep and joyous emotions stirred in his heart and with face beaming with the light of heaven he spoke of the sweet melody which he would soon join in the skies. And one by one he let go the objects of his heart's affection; last he came to his wife and daughter, whom he bade an affectionate farewell, telling them that if the Lord would permit he would be their guardian angel along life's thorny way. On April 11th, twelve days after his fatal hurt, the pure spirit of this devoted man of God left its pain-riven tenement to join the host above. Brother Martin, as a preacher, was considerably above mediocrity, possessing as he did, the elements of popular oratory. The Master owned his labors and more or less of success crowned his efforts, in every field where he labored. His body rests in the grave-yard at Bakersville, N. C., where he died. The large weeping throng which followed his remains to the grave, was no mean living testimony to his worth, while his Masonic brethren joined in this

last sad service. His name is as ointment poured forth and long will the spell of his holy life linger upon our hearts.

"Servant of God, well done;
Praise be thy new employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

W. HICKS,
Chairman.

CHURCH PROPERTY AND CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

The table containing the number and value of churches and parsonages and the collections ordered by the Annual Conference will be useful for reference during the year.

In this table is shown what was collected for Domestic Missions and Foreign Missions, as also the assessments of 1874 for Conference claimants and the amount paid for same by each District and the collections for the support of the Bishops.

The several tables will be found to contain nearly everything reported to the Conference, and it is hoped will meet the approval of the preachers.

J. R. PAYNE, Assistant Secretary.

ASSESSMENTS FOR CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS, 1875–6.

DISTRICTS.	CONF. COLLECT'N.	BISHOP'S FUND.	HOME MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.
Wytheville	$225.00	$85.00	$440.00	$325.00
Jeffersonville	150.00	65.00	330.00	260.00
Abingdon	200·00	80.00	440.00	325.00
Jonesboro	150.00	65.00	385.00	260.00
Morristown	210.00	80.00	411.00	292.00
Knoxville	220.00	80.00	440.00	325.00
Athens	140.00	65·00	330.00	260.00
Chattanooga	175.00	75.00	385.00	292.00
Pikeville	75.00	40.00	165.00	106.00
Asheville	200.00	75.00	330 00	260.00
Franklin	80.00	40.00	275.00	195.00
	$1,825.00	$750.00	$3,931.00	$2,900.00

NOTE—The assessments of the Board of Finance and Board of Missions, are here combined for convenience. These collections are to be taken up by the preachers in their respective charges, according to the apportionment of the District Stewards.

REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY AND CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

DISTRICTS.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES.		MISSIONS.		CONF. COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND
	NUMBER.	VALUE.	NUMBER.	VALUE.	DOMESTIC.	FOREIGN.	ASSESSED.	PAID.	
Wytheville	54	$60,700.00	6	$6,800.00	$288.75	$283.85	$200.00	$166.05	$80.00
Jefferoonville	49	98,400.00	1	1,000.00	242.75	161.75	150.00	144.40	65.00
Abingdon	51	30,050.00	4	6,900.00	393.28	226.77	200.00	157.14	81.59
Jonesboro	45	32,340.00	4	3,200.00	200.95	184.35	150.00	81.38	65.00
Morristown	59	33,700.00	6	3,900.00	252.36	221.88	200.00	132.10	80.00
Knoxville	45	41,450.00	1	900.00	409.20	203.75	200.00	175.88	80.00
Athens	32	23,900.00	2	1,100.00	152.67	119.63	150.09	117.30	79.00
Chattanooga	28	41,000.00	.	.....	206.35	120 50	200.00	119.40	59.55
Pikeville	34	24,500.00	2	1,050.00	111.45	89.15	75.00	53.50	40.00
Asheville	35	24,850.00	2	3,300.00	265.95	130.75	200.00	101.00	80.00
Franklin	26	19,450,00	6	3,700.00	115.55	86·90	100.00	50.55	33.55
	458	$360,340,00	34	$31,800.00	$2,697.98	$1,889.90	$1,825.00	$1,298.70	$743.60

PASTORAL CHARGES.	LOCAL PREACHERS.	MEMBERS. WHITE.	MEMBERS. COLORED.	BAPTISMS. ADULT.	BAPTISMS. INFANT.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. NUMBER.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. TEACHERS	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. SCHOLARS.
WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT								
Wytheville Station	1	168		2	18	1	18	130
Wytheville Circuit	6	1077	8	18	45	14	132	622
Newbern "	5	590	1	60	31	7	75	380
Jacksonv'le&Newp't Circuit	5	456	1	68	4	6	70	510
Hillsv'e Cir't & Carroll Mis'n	13	461	2	11	11	4	24	350
Independence Circuit	7	539	1	12	12	12	79	471
Elk Creek "	4	435		15	22	10	42	730
Jefferson "	6	515		35	20	7	30	260
Marion "	5	950	4	100	25	10		829
Watauga "	4	523	5	75	15	5	28	181
Total	56	5714	22	396	203	76	498	4463
JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.								
Jeffersonville Station		308		17	12	4	34	215
Liberty Hill Circuit	5	671		25	12	13	90	516
East Tazewell "	12	625		15	25	10	100	650
Pearisburg "	5	680		22	43	9	60	385
Seddon "	8	826		37	28	10	45	400
Princeton "	7	535		17	27	10	40	300
Bluestone & Flat Top Mis'n		241		10	10	9	61	227
Buchanan Circuit	2	232	1	4	7	5	29	138
McDowell "		351		46		4	23	94
Total	39	4469	1	193	164	74	482	2925
ABINGDON DISTRICT.								
Abingdon Station		142		7	5	2	16	177
Abingdon Circuit	3	410		12	15	9	65	270
Emory "	8	506		100	7	7	34	391
Bristol Station	2	289		9	9	1	14	150
Bristol Circuit	4	615	3	10	15	8	30	385
Saltville "	2	635	5	80	30	12	68	650
Lebanon "	6	634		20	17	10	60	805
Dickinsonville Circuit	5	557	2	27	15	7	37	225
Estellville "	2	491	4	2	16	5	33	170
Gladeville "	5	457	2	24	17	4	16	150
McClure Mission	1	65		3	1	2	6	30
Total	38	4801	16	294	147	67	379	3403
JONESBORO DISTRICT.								
Jonesboro Station	1	118		1	9	1	12	100
Jonesboro Circuit	2	326	1	10	7	3	26	212
Blountville "	6	769	1	16	38	6	50	330
Rheatown "	4	280		18	12	3	45	150
Greeneville "	2	270		1	2	2	9	81
St. Clair "	2	366		17	29	4	16	150
Newport "		270		48	35	2	8	66
Fall Rranch C't & Horse C'k	1	185		6	3	3	12	75
Elizabathton Circuit &c.		80		26	15			
Total	18	2664	2	143	150	24	178	1164

PASTORAL CHARGES.	LOCAL PREACHERS.	MEMBERS. WHITE.	MEMBERS. COLORED.	BAPTISMS. ADULTS.	BAPTISMS. INFANTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. NUMBER.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. TEACHERS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. SCHOLARS.
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.								
Morristown Station	2	283		16	1	1	19	150
Morristown Circuit	3	355		36	6	3	27	180
Mossy Creek Station	1	105		14	5	1	9	181
Rutledge Circuit		77		1		1	8	69
Bean's Station "	1	182		36	21	3	14	106
Rogersville "	3	240				4	20	200
Sneedville Mission	2	200		7	12	3	9	140
Kingsport Circuit	7	373			39	10	83	333
Rye Cove "	3	548	3	24	31	10	77	327
Jonesville "	5	750	30	25	20	7	40	300
Powell's Valley "	5	568	40	21	17	8	40	200
Tazewell "	2	275	2	16	12	4	8	100
Total	34	3956	75	196	164	55	354	2286
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.								
Knoxville Church St. Station	4	391		13	9	2	33	230
" Broad " "		217		2	5			
" Mabry " "	2	156		6	1	2	9	80
Maryv'le & Louisv'le Circuit	1	235		7	3	2	15	165
Unitia & Morganton "	2	178	1	18	3	2	12	125
Knox and Lenoir "	2	303		10	15	3	23	110
Clinton "	4	330	1	22	10	5	25	200
Maynardsville "	2	416	1	25	6	8	24	160
Jacksboro "	1	337	1	14	7	3	36	350
Dandridge "	2	437	1	12	22	4	24	300
Sevierville "	2	229				1	4	58
Total	22	3229	5	140	81	32	205	1778
ATHENS DISTRICT.								
Athens Station		136		4		1	9	77
Athens Circuit	1	385	3	17	8	2	15	70
Sweetwater "	2	202		6		2	24	120
Philad'a & Loudon "	1	414		49	11	4	31	390
Madisonville "	6	330		7	10	3	17	164
Eleazer and Tellico "	4	341		12				
Riceville "	3	355	1	30		4	20	175
Decatur "	3	448		51	32	6	45	225
Mouse Creek "								
Total	20	2611	4	176	61	22	161	1221
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.								
Chattanooga Station		284		15	7	2	25	260
South Chattanooga Station	1	100		10	4	1	15	100
Ooltewah Circuit	6	272		5	21	4	14	160
Cleveland Station		165		10	3	1	12	125
Cleveland Circuit		167		5	3	2	8	75
Charl'ston & Calhoun Station	1	230		1	6	2	20	70
Benton & Ocoee Circuit		144		10	10	4	30	150
Hamilton "	1	145		34	39	4	20	100
Trenton "		650		35	15	4	10	125
Total	9	2157		125	108	24	154	1165

PASTORAL CHARGES.	LOCAL PREACHERS.	MEMBERS. WHITE.	MEMBERS. COLORED.	BAPTISMS. ADULT.	BAPTISMS. INFANT.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. NUMBER.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. TEACHERS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. SCHOLARS.
PIKEVILLE DISTRICT.								
Pikeville Circuit		238	1	9	8	2	10	80
Jasper "	4	442	1	36	16	5	48	235
Washington "	5	270		7	9	5	27	210
Poplar Creek "		33		5	4	1	6	30
Kingston "	2	422	3	12	7	5	34	275
Tracy City Station		96		1	3			
Summerfield & Cove Circuit	1	179	1	7	4	2	7	23
Shiloh and Altamont "		140		10	3	4	14	100
Spencer Mission		74						
Jamestown Circuit		126		5	2			
Crossville & Bonair "	5	202		9	13	7	44	140
Total	17	2222	6	101	69	31	190	1093
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.								
Asheville Station	2	200		2	9	1	16	125
Asheville Circuit	7	692		10	5	4	20	160
Sulphur Springs "	2	623		12	8	6	26	260
Brevard "	1	347		20	47	3	18	105
Hendersonville "		354	3	7	7	5	32	190
Catawba "	2	390	1	11	13	7	42	240
Burnesville "	4	299		1	5	1	6	35
Bakersville "		333		4	8	4	41	470
Marshall & Pine "	1	300	2			5	25	131
Total	19	3538	6	67	102	36	226	1716
FRANKLIN DISTRICT. *								
Franklin Circuit	7	627		9	6	9	56	400
Waynesville "	2	741	1	19	7	14	76	505
Hayesville "	3	326		3	5	3	18	125
Ducktown "		127			4	3	21	162
Murphy "	4	300		7	2	5	30	225
Webster "	2	350	1	14	12	2	6	55
Cashier's Valley Mission		81		22		3	7	75
Graham "	1	174		8	6	2	10	200
Echota (Ind.) "	3			23	21	2	8	275
Total	22	2726	2	105	63	43	232	2022

PASTORAL CHARGES.	AMOUNT OF SALARY.	AMOUNT PAID.	COL. FOR MISSIONS.	CONFERN'E COLLECTION.	S. S. EXPENSES.
WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT	$1,000	817 63	59 65		
Wytheville Station	410	410 00	30 00	26 75	37 31
Wytheville Circuit	700	495 00	81 60	20 50	20 00
Newbern "	874	650 24	145 00	41 00	120 00
Jacksonv'le&Newp't Circuit	250	271 31	25 00		75 58
Hillsv'e Cir't & Carroll Mis'n	420	226 27	30 00	3 10	
Independence Circuit	450	352 81	40 00	22 85	26 58
Elk Creek "	500	336 87	25 00	5 00	20 00
Jefferson "	320	247 65	28 80		
Watauga "	225	225 00	40 00	12 50	
Marion "	950	900 00	67 55	34 35	221 75
Total	6,099	4932 78	572 60	166 05	521 22
JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT	$730	447 69			
Jeffersonville Station	500	415 00	47 00	18 00	30 00
Liberty Hill Circuit	200	92 00	48 50	8 30	20 00
East Tazewell "	500	305 24	54 20	10 00	
Pearisburg "	700	452 27	131 05	75 00	55 00
Seddon "	300	161 07	50 00	20 00	
Princeton "	250	210 00	45 00	9 00	15 00
Bluestone & Flat Top Mis'n	200	128 00	11 50	3 00	30 00
Buchanan Circuit	125	52 00	10 00		
McDowell "	100	59 20	7 25	1 10	
Total	3,605	2322 38	404 50	144 40	150 00
ABINGDON DISTRICT	$850	589 00			
Abingdon Station	700	631 00	116 00	18 00	
Abingdon Circuit	500	284 00	66 87	20 14	40 00
Emory "	460	378 67	100 33	25 20	100 00
Bristol Station	600	600 00	84 75	20 00	21 40
Bristol Circuit	500	290 00	35 00	7 00	
Saltville "	500	400 00	26 00	16 00	35 00
Lebanon "	600	475 00	113 75	27 00	75 00
Dickinsonville Circuit	400	455 00	41 05	10 30	
Estellville "	425	234 00	30 00	5 50	14 00
Gladeville "	250	184 32	6 30	8 00	7 00
McClure Mission	50	30 00			
Total	5,835	4551 92	620 05	157 14	292 40
JONESBORO DISTRICT	$750	524 50			
Jonesboro Station	485	530 00	164 15	16 70	43 00
Jonesboro Circuit	500	350 00	23 00	6 20	38 50
Blountville "	500	356 97	34 80	15 18	40 00
Rheatown "	500	500 00	40 00	11 50	30 00
Greeneville "	500	350 00	53 00	11 50	12 50
St. Clair "	500	248 00	41 35	10 00	
Newport "	300	241 60	20 00	6 30	14 00
Fall Branch C't & Horse C'k	300	260 00	9 00	4 00	12 00
Total	4,335	3361 07	385 30	81 38	190 00

PASTORAL CHARGES.	AMOUNT OF SALARY.	AMOUNT PAID.	COL. FOR MISSIONS.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.	S. S. EXPENSES.
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.	$1,000	750 00			
Morristown Station	700	450 00	96 15	21 00	50 00
Morristown Circuit	400	268 80	78 32	19 10	4 70
Mossy Creek Station	400	207 00	41 40	5 00	..
Rutledge Circuit	500	104 35	15 00	5 00	4 00
Bean's Station "	225	165 00	48 00	20 00	19 00
Rogersville "	250	210 00	20 00	10 00	20 00
Sneedville Mission	325	144 00	..	2 10	..
Kingsport Circuit	500	202 00	16 65	5 90	20 00
Rye Cove "	372	381 43	47 50	6 50	16 20
Jonesville "	535	470 00	38 50	11 50	10 00
Powell's Valley "	650	327 66	40 00	11 00	7 00
Tazewell "	250	186 72	32 72	15 00	25 00
Total	6,107	3866 96	474 24	132 10	130 90
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.	$1,000	735 45			
Knoxville Church St. Station	1,200	1200 00	160 00	25 00	309 89
" Broad " "	700	750 00	106 35	42 00	..
" Mabry " "	375	280 25	21 00	8 00	..
Maryv'le & Louisv'le Circuit	600	447 83	24 50	20 50	44 35
Unitia & Morganton "	400	344 77	25 00	12 50	30 00
Knox and Lenoir "	700	456 90	37 85	10 20	12 00
Clinton "	525	275 00	30 00	5 00	..
Maynardsville "	250	144 49	17 50	5 68	..
Jacksboro "	600	291 87	88 50	20 00	130 00
Dandridge "	650	417 00	85 00	25 00	40 00
Sevierville "	500	327 46	17 25	2 00	13 00
Total	7,500	5671 02	612 95	175 88	579 24
ATHENS DISTRICT.	$800	626 48			
Athens Station	400	400 00	30 50	20 00	40 00
Athens Circuit	400	255 63	27 30	5 00	7 35
Sweetwater "	455	358 96	45 20	30 00	38 60
Philad'a & Loudon "	725	590 38	44 05	20 00	50 00
Madisonville "	300	234 63	57 25	15 00	25 00
Eleazer and Tellico "	400	121 90	..	..	..
Riceville "	425	225 88	8 00	2 30	5 00
Decatur "	500	500 00	60 00	25 00	62 70
Total	4,405	3313 86	272 30	117 30	228 65
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.	$ 825	590 21			
Chattanooga Station	1,200	894 88	134 45	56 25	57 91
South Chattanooga Station	300	150 00	..	..	50 00
Ooltewah Circuit	300	151 00	10 30	4 05	25 00
Cleveland Station	600	600 00	70 00	15 00	60 00
Charl'ston & Calhoun Station	500	500 00	20 00	14 60	7 00
Cleveland Circuit	350	353 80	10 00	5 00	..
Benton & Ocoee Circuit	300	102 03	10 00	4 00	1 75
Hamilton "	220	132 90	18 50	5 50	30 00
Trenton "	300	180 00	53 70	15 00	..
Total	4,895	3654 82	326 95	119 40	231 66

PASTORAL CHARGES.	AMOUNT OF SALARY.	AMOUNT PAID.	MISSION COLLECTION.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.	S. S. EXPENSES.
PIKEVILLE DISTRICT.	$775	311 82			
Pikeville Circuit	350	133 87	4 75	2 50	10 00
Jasper "	400	330 25	83 00	19 00	120 00
" "	170	140 00			
Washington "	300	127 00	24 25	9 00	12 00
Poplar Creek "	150	84 43	11 00	3 00	
Kingston "	500	296 94	66 30	17 00	65 00
Tracy City Station.					
Summerfield & Cove Circuit.	225	141 00	7 95	3 00	4 90
Shiloh and Altamont " .	150	72 00	1 35		6 10
Spencer Mission..... .	125	91 00			
Jamestown Circuit .	150	46 20	2 00		
Crossville & Bonair " .	224	50 40			6 25
Total	3,519	1824 91	200 60	53 50	224 25
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.	$900	667 26			
Asheville Station.....	800	833 14	97 95	18 00	40 98
Asheville Circuit.....	500	258 70	42 00	10 00	20 00
Sulphur Springs "	500	300 00	48 00	25 00	
Brevard "	750	443 67	52 00	21 00	12 50
Hendersonville "	300	210 00	31 00	12 00	13 00
Catawba "	350	120 15	50 00	5 00	
Burnesville "	225	129 47	25 00		
Bakersville "	400	344 15	23 75		
Marshall & Pine "	200	119 00	25 00	10 00	7 00
Total	4,925	3425 54	394 70	101 00	93 48
FRANKLIN DISTRICT. ...	$600	334 50			
Franklin Circuit.....	500	261 00	100 00	16 30	25 00
" "	150	76 00			
Waynesville Circuit.....	625	387 83	64 45	19 90	16 82
Hayesville "	420	204 00	3 25	3 25	
Ducktown "	400	240 00	15 25	5 00	22 75
Murphy "	360	136 00	7 50	1 50	7 50
Webster "	560	143 73	7 00	4 60	2 60
Cashier's Valley Mission.....	203				
Echota (Ind.) "	500	500 00	5 00		4 50
Total	4,258	2283 06	202 45	50 55	79 17

DISTRICT.	LOCAL PREACHERS.	MEMBERS.			BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		
		WHITE.	COLORED.	INDIANS.	ADULT.	INFANT.	NUMBER.	TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.
Wytheville	56	5,714	22		396	203	76	498	4,463
Jeffersonville	39	4,469	1		193	164	74	482	2,925
Abingdon	38	4,801	16		294	147	67	379	3,403
Jonesboro	18	2,664	2		143	150	24	178	1,164
Morristown	34	3,956	75		196	164	55	354	2,286
Knoxville	22	3,229	5		140	81	32	205	1,778
Athens	20	2,611	4		176	61	22	161	1,221
Chattanooga	9	2,157	..		125	108	24	154	1,165
Pikeville	17	2,222	6		101	69	31	190	1,093
Asheville	19	3,538	6		67	102	36	226	1,716
Franklin*	22	2,726	2	177	105	63	43	232	2,022
Grand total	294	38,087	139	177	1936	1312	484	3059	23,236

The Statistical report includes a part of the Sunday-School report and hence no seperate table is required for Sunday-Schools.

* Indians belong to Echota Mission.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL EXHIBIT, 1875.

DISTRICTS.	AMOUNT OF PREACHERS SALARY.	AMOUNT PAID PREACHERS.	COL. FOR MISSIONS.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.	S. S. EXPENSES.
Wytheville	$6,099	$ 4,932 78	$ 572 60	$ 166 05	$ 521 22
Jeffersonville	3,605	2,322 38	404 50	144 40	150 00
Abingdon	5,835	4,551 92	620 05	157 14	292 40
Jonesboro	4,335	3,361 07	385 30	81 38	190 00
Morristown	6,107	3,866 96	474 24	132 10	130 90
Knoxville	7,500	5,671 02	612 95	175 88	579 24
Athens	4,405	3,313 86	272 30	117 30	228 65
Chattanooga	4,895	3,654 82	326 95	119 40	231 66
Pikeville	3,519	1,824 91	200 60	53 50	224 25
Asheville	4,925	3,425 54	394 60	101 00	93 48
Franklin	4,258	2,283 06	202 45	50 55	79 17
Total	55,483	39,208 32	4,466 54	1,298 70	2,721 02

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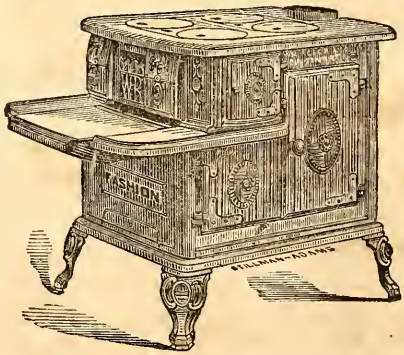

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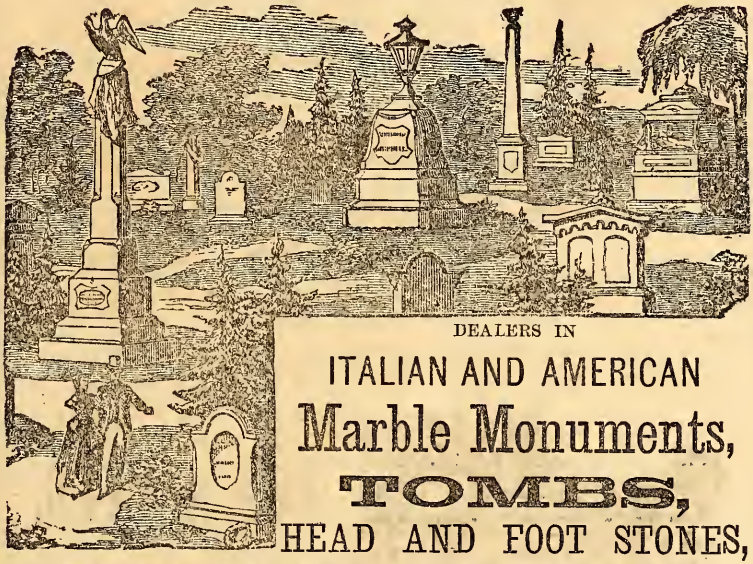

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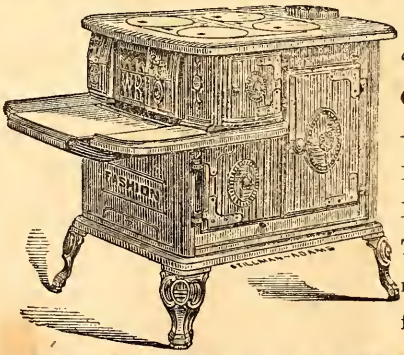

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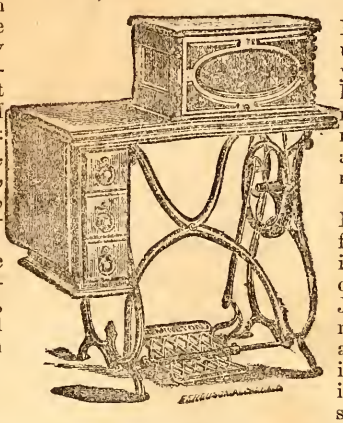

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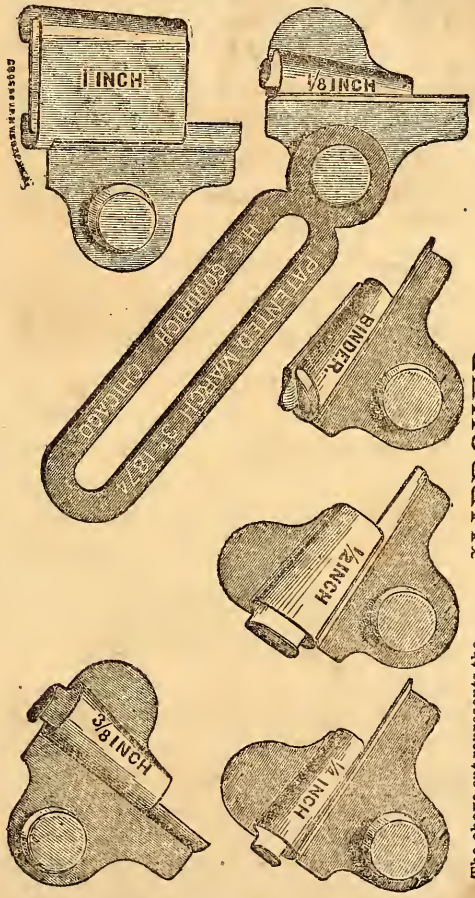

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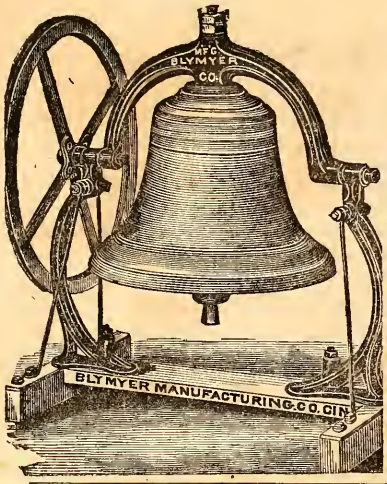

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